



USER GUIDE

The Faithfulness of God

How to capture a moment, write the Story, share it, and keep it safe

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“It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22–23 (KJV)

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Welcome

The Faithfulness of God is a quiet place to remember what God has done. When something happens that you don't want to forget, you **capture** it in a few words or a photo. Later, when you have time, you **write the Story**, and **file** it in cabinets such as *Provision & Finances* or *Answered Prayers*. You can read your Stories at any time, on any of your devices.

This guide is for version **0.10.2** of the app (21 October 2026). It explains everything you can do, one step at a time. Since 0.10.2, whenever the app tells you how to fix something, it shows only the steps for **your own device and browser** (an iPhone, an Android phone, a Mac or a Windows computer, and the browser you are using). You don't need to read it all at once: use the table below to jump to what you need.

You want to...	Go to
Put the app on your phone's Home Screen	Menu , then Add to Home Screen
Make an account, or sign in	Menu , then Account
Write down a moment quickly	Capture (the first screen)
Turn a moment into a Story	Inbox , then Write story
Read or search your Stories	Menu , then Read a Story
Hear a Story read aloud	Open the Story, then Listen to this story
Share a finished Story with everyone	Open the Story; under it, Sharing this Story (see <i>Sharing your Stories</i>)
Read the Stories the group chose this week	Menu , then This Week's Stories
Read and review the Stories others sent	Menu , then Review Stories
Choose how the app looks: light, dark, a church-year theme or your own	Menu , then Settings , then Theme
Give one Story a theme of its own	While writing it, Theme just below the Subtitle; later, open the Story and tap Theme
Choose the voice that reads aloud	Menu , then Settings , then Reading voice
Get back something you deleted	Menu , then Trash
See a short tour of the app	Menu , then Guided tour
Read this guide on your phone or computer	Menu , then User Manual

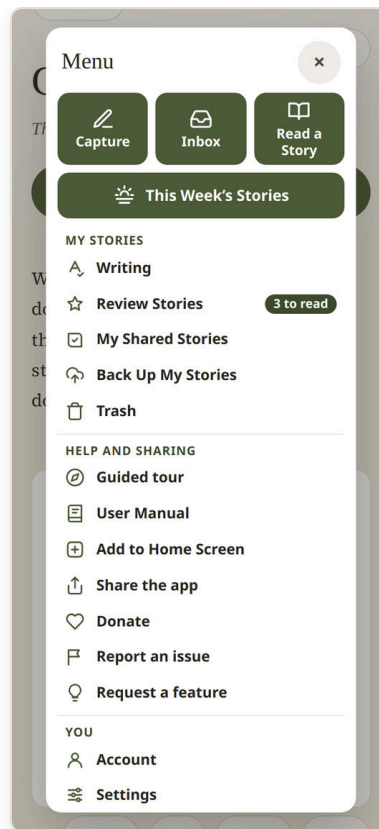
You want to...	Go to
Turn the spelling checker on or off	Menu , then Writing
Tell us about a problem, or share an idea	Menu , then Report an issue or Request a feature
Give to support the work	Menu , then Donate
Keep your own copy of everything	Menu , then Back Up My Stories

The app never interrupts you. There are no pop-ups asking for permission, no donation requests and no messages that jump in while you are writing or taking a photo. Every question in this guide appears only because you tapped something.

The Menu

The **Menu** button sits at the top right of every screen. Tap it to reach every part of the app. Tap the × to close it. Each choice has a small picture beside it. Since 0.10.1 the Menu is a little more compact, with bolder titles, so on most phones it fits on one screen down to **Settings**; slide up for the rest.

- At the top, three large tiles: **Capture**, **Inbox** and **Read a Story**, and under them a wide tile, **This Week's Stories**.
- **My stories:** Writing, Review Stories (with a small count such as *3 to read* while reviewing is open), My Shared Stories, Back Up My Stories and Trash.
- **Help and sharing:** Guided tour, User Manual, Add to Home Screen, Share the app, Donate, Report an issue and Request a feature.
- **You:** Account, Settings, and the Acceptable Use & Privacy Policy.

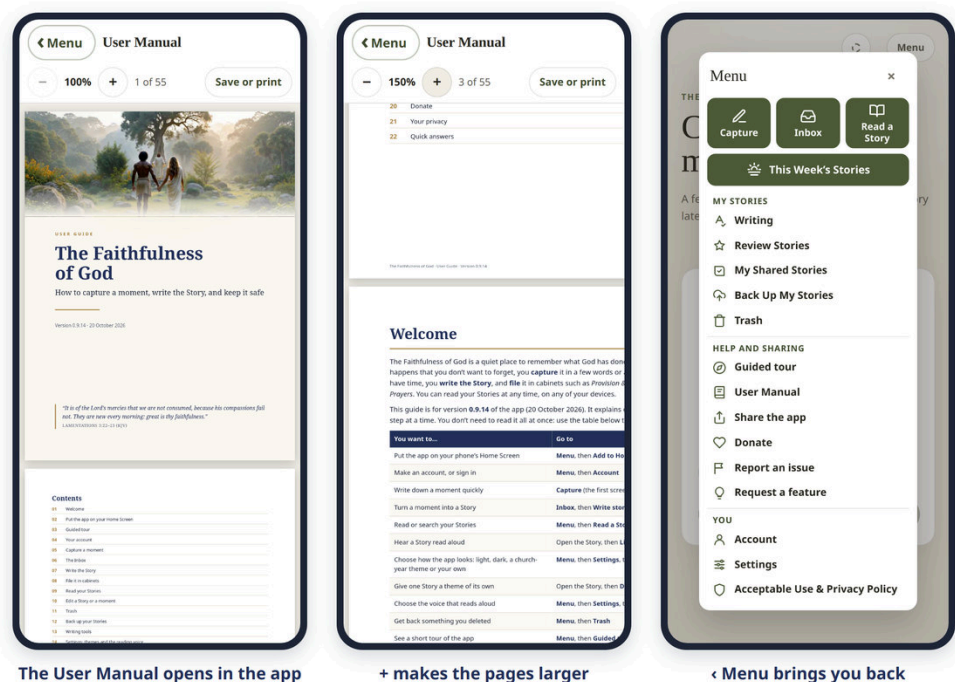


The Menu in 0.10.1: closer rows and bolder titles, This Week's Stories under the three tiles, and Review Stories with its count

User Manual, just under Guided tour, opens this guide, the User Guide for the version of the app you have, **inside the app**. The guide fills the screen, with a large **< Menu** button at the top. Scroll to read it.

- **To come back to the app**, tap **< Menu** at the top left. You are back on the Menu, just where you were. On an Android phone the **Back** gesture or button does the same, and on a computer so does the **Esc** key.
- **To make the pages larger**, tap **+** (up to three times as large); **–** makes them smaller again. When the pages are larger than the screen, slide sideways to see the rest. The page number shows beside these buttons.
- **To keep a copy or print it**: on an iPhone or iPad, tap **Save or print** (it appears once the whole guide has arrived), then choose **Save to Files** or **Print**. On an Android phone or a computer, tap **Download**.

It needs an internet connection. The guide is about 14 MB, so the first pages may take a moment; *Loading...* shows until they do. If it cannot open, for example with no connection, a short message says so, with **Try again**.



Menu, then User Manual: the guide inside the app, larger pages, and < Menu back to the Menu (an iPhone, from the Home Screen)

Put the app on your Home Screen

The app works in your phone's web browser, but it is easier to use from an icon on your Home Screen, like any other app. Once it is there, it opens straight to Capture and keeps working without an internet connection.

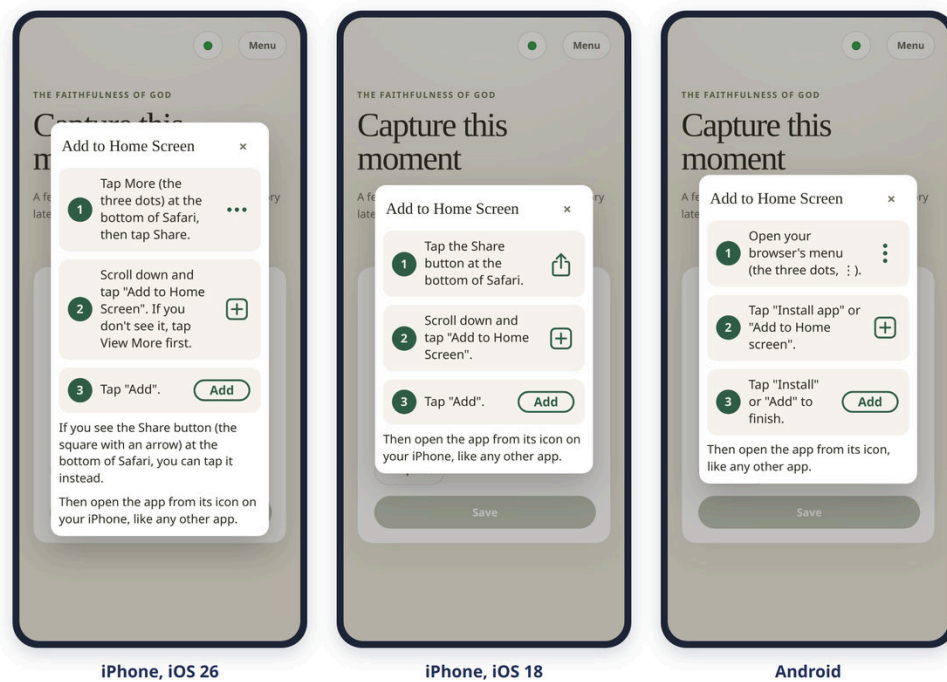
- 1 Open **Menu** and tap **Add to Home Screen** (on a computer it says **Install app**).
- 2 If your browser can install the app itself, its own install box opens. Tap **Install** or **Add**.
- 3 Otherwise the app shows a short guide with numbered steps and small pictures, written for your own device. On an iPhone, the app tells iOS 26 from iOS 18, because Safari 26 moved the Share button behind More.

Device	What to tap
iPhone, iOS 26 (Safari 26)	More (the three dots) at the bottom of Safari, then Share , then scroll down and tap Add to Home Screen (if you don't see it, tap View More first), then Add
iPhone, iOS 18 or earlier (Safari)	The Share button at the bottom of Safari, then Add to Home Screen , then Add

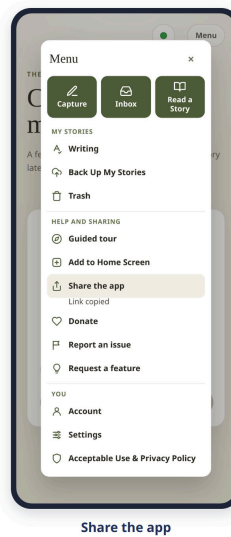
Device	What to tap
iPad (Safari)	The Share button at the top of Safari, then Add to Home Screen , then Add
iPhone or iPad (Chrome)	The Share icon in the address bar, then Add to Home Screen
Android (Samsung and other phones)	The browser's menu (the three dots, ⋮), then Install app or Add to Home screen , then Install or Add
Mac (Safari)	File in the menu bar, then Add to Dock... , then Add
Chrome or Edge on a computer	The install icon at the right end of the address bar, or the browser menu, then Install The Faithfulness of God
Firefox on a computer	Firefox can't install apps. The app suggests a bookmark (Ctrl+D, or Cmd+D on a Mac) or opening it in Chrome or Edge

Once the app is installed on your device, **Add to Home Screen** (or **Install app**) simply leaves the Menu, because there is nothing more to do. The Guided tour skips its install step too. This is remembered on each device on its own, and nothing is sent anywhere. If you ever remove the app and your browser offers to install it again, the choice comes back.

Under the icon on your Home Screen, the app is called **The Faithfulness of God**, its full name. In a computer's browser, the tab shows the app's own small icon, and so do bookmarks.



The install guide on an iPhone with iOS 26 (More, then Share), on an iPhone with iOS 18, and on an Android phone



Share the app

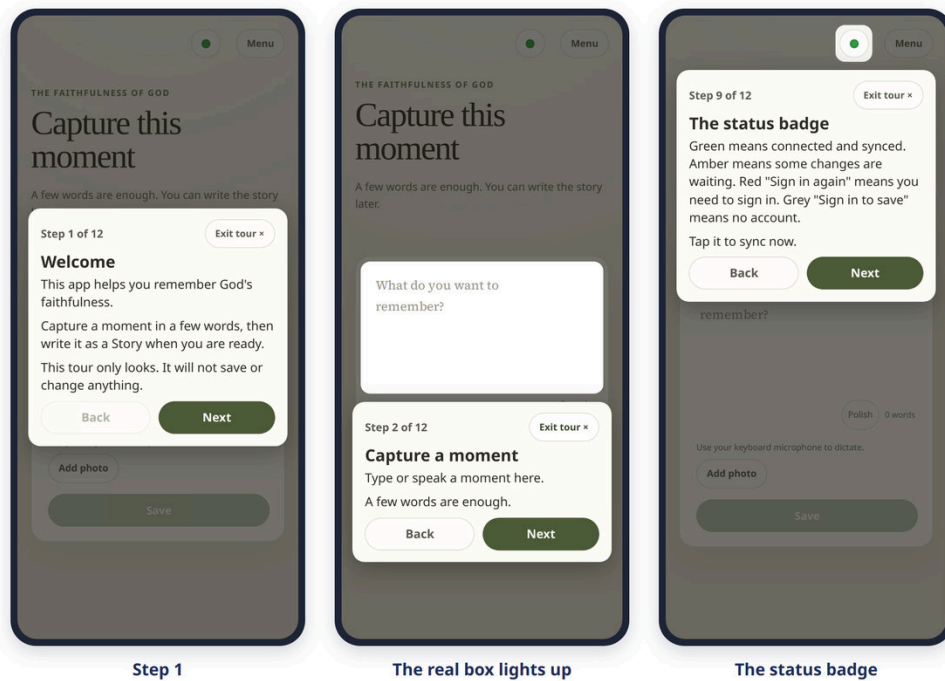
Share the app

Menu, then **Share the app**, opens your phone's share sheet with the app's name and web address, so you can send it to a friend by message or email. If sharing isn't available, the app copies the link and says **Link copied**, or shows the link for you to copy. Only the app's address is shared: never your writing or your account details.

Guided tour

Menu, then **Guided tour**, walks you through the app in 12 calm steps with large text (11 once the app is on your Home Screen). It dims the screen, lights up the real button or box, and explains it in plain words: the Capture box, speaking instead of typing, adding a photo, Save, the Inbox, writing a Story (with its Title, Subtitle and Theme), reading your Stories, the status badge, Account and Settings (how the app looks and the reading voice, and that Settings is a short list where each line opens its page), Report an issue and Request a feature, and, if the app isn't installed yet, adding it to your Home Screen.

- Tap **Next** and **Back** to move through the steps, and **Done** at the end.
- **Exit tour** (or the Escape key) returns you to the screen you started from.
- The tour only looks. It saves nothing, changes nothing, deletes nothing, and never opens the camera or your photos.
- The words suit your device: iPhone and iPad, Android, or a computer ("click" instead of "tap").
- It starts only when you tap it. It never starts by itself.



The guided tour: the first step, the Capture box lit up, and the status badge

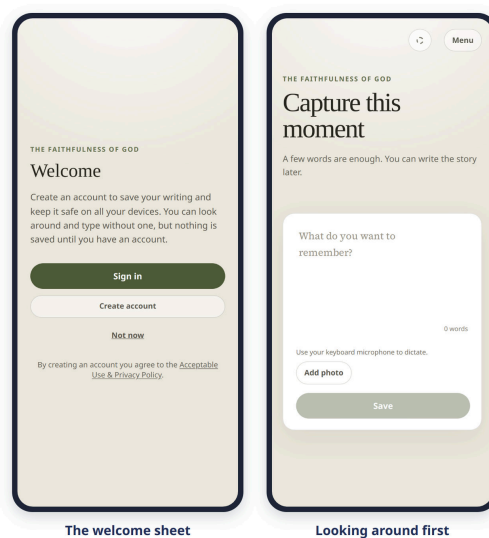
Your account

You need an account to **save** anything in the app. Without one, you can open the app, look around and even type, but nothing is kept until you have an account. Your account is what keeps your writing safe: everything you save is also copied to the app's server, so it appears on your other devices, and a lost phone never means lost Stories.

The welcome sheet

When you open the app without an account, a **Welcome** sheet appears once, right at the start (never over words you are typing). It offers three choices:

- **Sign in**, if you already have an account.
- **Create account**, to start one.
- **Not now**, to look around first. The sheet closes and won't come back during this visit.

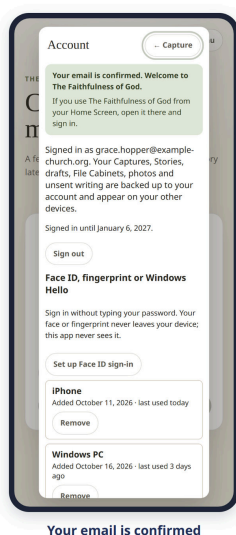


The welcome sheet, and the app before you have an account (the grey ring at the top means "Sign in to save")

Create an account

- 1 Open **Menu**, then **Account**, and tap **Create account** (or tap **Create account** on the welcome sheet).
- 2 Type your **email address** and a **password** of at least 12 characters, then type the password again. **Show password** lets you check what you typed.
- 3 Tap **Create account**. The sheet now says **Check your email**.
- 4 Open the email from *The Faithfulness of God* (info@faithfulnessofgod.com) and tap the green button in it, **Confirm my email**. (If your email's button says **Confirm registration** instead, tap that; it does the same.)
- 5 The app opens and Account says **Your email is confirmed. You're signed in.** Welcome to The Faithfulness of God.

If the link opened in your phone's browser rather than in the app on your Home Screen, Account adds where to go next: on an iPhone, *If you use The Faithfulness of God from your Home Screen, open it there and sign in.* (on Android, similar words). The browser and the Home Screen app keep their own sign-in, so sign in once in the app you use. If you came back to the app yourself instead, tap **I've confirmed — Sign in** and sign in with your email and password. A link to confirm a **new email address** says *Your new email is confirmed. You're signed in.*



After the link in the email: Account says your email is confirmed (an earlier version of the app; the words now also say You're signed in)

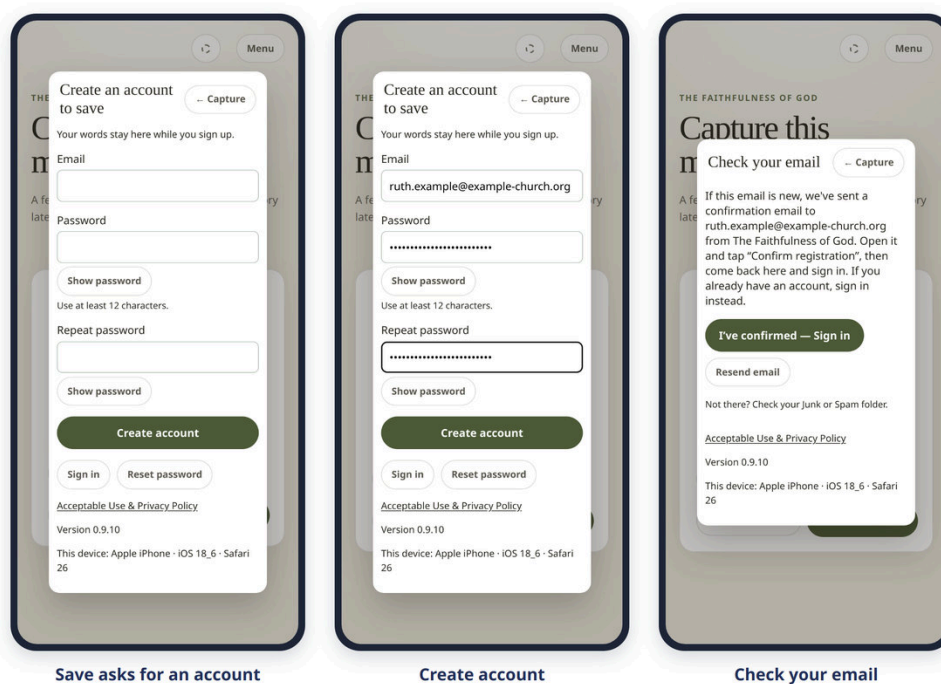
If the email doesn't arrive, look in your **Junk** or **Spam** folder; the **Check your email** screen says where, for your device. On an iPhone or iPad: *In the Mail app, tap Mailboxes and look in Junk. In the Gmail app, look in Spam.* On an Android phone: *In the Gmail app, tap the three lines at the top left and open Spam. In other email apps, look in Junk.* On a computer: *Check your Junk or Spam folder. Resend*

email sends it again (once a minute at most). For your privacy, the app gives the same answer whether or not the address already has an account; if you already have one, just sign in.

By creating an account you agree to the **Acceptable Use & Privacy Policy** (see *Your privacy*).

If you tap **Save** before you have an account

You can start writing straight away. If you tap **Save** without an account, the app opens **Create an account to save** and tells you: *Your words stay here while you sign up.* Your words and photo stay in the box. As soon as you have signed in, the app finishes the Save for you, once.



Save asks for an account, Create account, and Check your email

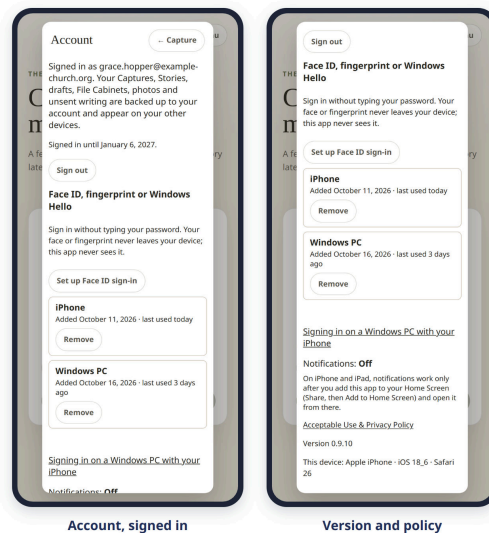
Sign in and sign out

Menu, then **Account**, then **Sign in**: type your email address and password and tap **Sign in**. If you have set up Face ID, a fingerprint or Windows Hello, you can tap **Sign in with passkey** instead (see *Staying signed in, and passkeys*).

- **Reset password** sends you an email with a link to choose a new password (see *If you forget your password* below).
- **Sign out** stops syncing on this device. If some of your writing hasn't reached your account yet, the app tells you how many items are waiting and asks whether to **Wait** until they are sent, or **Sign out anyway**.

When you are signed in, the Account screen says *Signed in as* your email address, and that your Captures, Stories, drafts, File Cabinets, photos and unsent writing are backed up to your account and appear on your other devices. It also shows **Signed in until** a date, **Sign out**, your passkeys, **Notifications** (on or off for this device), a link to the policy, the app's version and a short description of this device.

While you are signed in, the email and password boxes and the **Sign in**, **Create account** and **Reset password** buttons are not shown, so the screen is simply about you. If your sign-in ends, they come back so you can sign in again.



The Account screen when you are signed in, and the version and policy link further down

Writing from before accounts were needed. If this device already held writing from an older version of the app, it is added to the account you sign in to, and the old copy stays on the device. If the app finds such writing later, the Account screen says *There's writing on this device from before you signed in* with a button, **Move it into this account**.

If you forget your password

- 1 Open **Menu**, then **Account**, and tap **Reset password**.
- 2 Type your **email address** and tap **Send reset email**.
- 3 Open the email from *The Faithfulness of God* (info@faithfulnessofgod.com) and tap the green button, **Choose a new password** (or the link in the email).
- 4 The app opens and Account says **Your reset link worked, and you're signed in. Choose a new password below**.
- 5 Type your new password (at least 12 characters) twice, and tap **Save new password**.

A link in the email lasts a short time (usually one hour), and each link works only once. If the email doesn't arrive, look in your **Junk** or **Spam** folder.

If a link in an email doesn't work

Sometimes a link has already been used, or it has run out of time. The app then says so kindly, right on the Account screen (nothing pops up), and gets the next step ready for you. Nothing you have written is affected.

What Account says	What to do
<i>This email link has expired or has already been used.</i> after a reset link	The Reset password form is already open. Check your email address and tap Send reset email to get a new link.
<i>This email link has expired or has already been used.</i> after a confirmation link	If you already confirmed your email, just sign in: the Sign in form is already open. If not, sign in with your email and password, and you can ask for a new confirmation email.
<i>We couldn't check your email link because the connection dropped.</i>	The link may still be good. Account also says how to reconnect on your device (on an iPhone, for example: <i>open the Settings app on your iPhone and check that Wi-Fi or Cellular is on</i>). Then open the email and tap the link again.

If notifications are blocked

Notifications in Account has a **Turn on** button (and **Turn off** once they are on). If your browser or phone has blocked notifications for the app, the line says where, for example *Blocked in Chrome's settings*, *Blocked in Edge's settings* or *Blocked in your iPhone's Settings*, and under it, *To turn notifications on again*: with numbered steps for **this device and browser only**. Follow them, then come back and press **Turn on**. In short:

Your device	What the steps say
iPhone or iPad (the app on your Home Screen)	Open the Settings app, tap Notifications , scroll down and tap The Faithfulness of God , and turn on Allow Notifications . Then come back and tap Turn on .
iPhone or iPad (in Safari or another browser)	Notifications work only in the app on your Home Screen, so Account shows the steps to add it to the Home Screen for your device first.

Your device	What the steps say
Android phone (in Chrome)	Tap the icon at the left of the web address, then Permissions , and turn on Notifications . Reload the page.
Android phone (the app on your home screen)	Touch and hold the icon of The Faithfulness of God, tap App info , then Notifications , and turn them on (on a Samsung phone, Allow notifications).
Computer, Chrome	Click the icon at the left end of the address bar, just before the web address (it looks like two small sliders). Turn on Notifications (or click Site settings and set Notifications to Allow). Reload the page and click Turn on . On a Mac or Windows computer the steps also say where the computer's own notification switch for Chrome is.
Computer, Edge	Click the padlock at the left of the address bar, then Permissions for this site , and set Notifications to Allow .
Computer, Firefox	Click the icon at the left of the address bar. Next to <i>Send Notifications (Blocked)</i> , click the ✕ to clear it.
Mac, Safari	Choose Safari > Settings > Websites > Notifications , and change Deny to Allow .

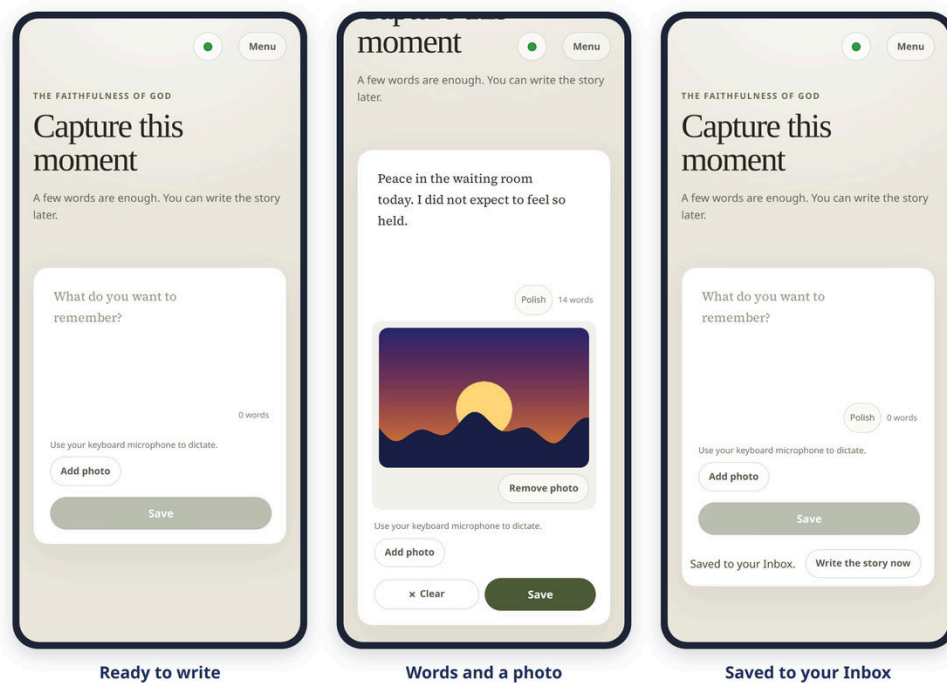
If notifications could not be turned on, Account says why, for example:

- *Notifications were not turned on, because the question from your browser was closed without an answer.* Press **Turn on** again and choose **Allow** when it asks.
- *Notifications are blocked on this phone. The steps below show how to allow them.*
- *Notifications could not be set up just now. Close The Faithfulness of God, open it again, and tap Turn on.*
- *Notifications could not be turned on. Check your connection and try again.*

Capture a moment

The first screen is **Capture this moment**. When something happens that you don't want to forget, write a few words. The full Story can wait.

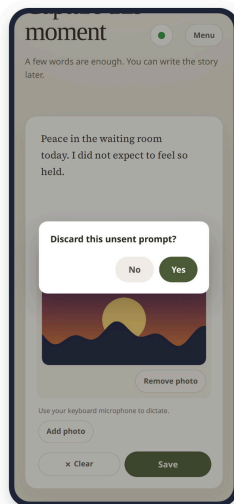
- 1 Type in **What do you want to remember?** or speak instead. On a phone or tablet, tap the microphone on your keyboard. On a Mac, choose **Edit > Start Dictation** in the menu bar; on a Windows computer, press the **Windows key** and **H** together. The note under the box says which, for your device.
- 2 To add a picture, tap **Add photo** and take a photo or choose one. A photo can be saved on its own, without words.
- 3 Tap **Save**. The box empties, and a line says *Saved to your Inbox.* with a button, **Write the story now**, if you'd like to write it straight away.



Capture: ready to write, with words and a photo, and saved

The Capture box is plain text, so the first step stays quick. Under it, a quiet line shows the **word count**, any spelling **suggestions**, and **Polish** (see *Writing tools*). Formatting, fonts and sizes are available when you edit a moment or write a Story.

Clear. When there are words or a photo in the box, a **x Clear** button appears beside **Save**. Tap it and the app asks *Discard this unsent prompt?* Choose **No** to keep your words, or **Yes** to start again.



Clear asks first

Clear always asks first

Your words are kept while you type. Words in the Capture box, a Story you are writing, and changes you haven't saved yet are all kept on your device and, when you are signed in, copied to your account about 2 seconds after you stop typing. If your phone closes the app, they are still there when you come back, even on another device.

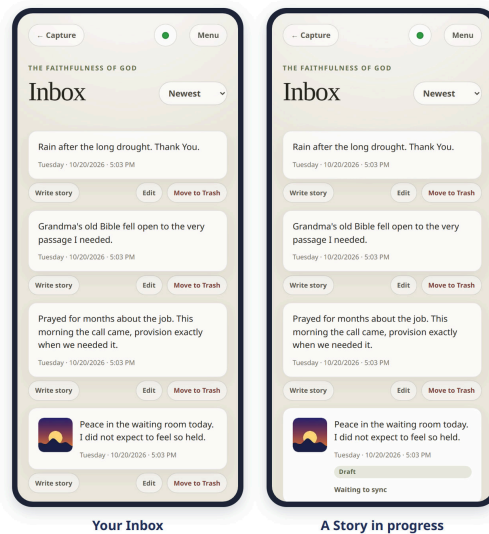
Photos. Any picture works, including iPhone HEIC photos and very large ones. The app makes a copy that is at most 1,600 pixels across and 2 MB, so it uploads quickly. Your camera roll is never changed. The app does not read the hidden details inside a photo file (such as the camera, the date or where it was taken), and the copy it saves and syncs is a new picture without them.

The Inbox

Menu, then **Inbox**, lists every moment you have captured until you write its Story. A moment with a photo shows a small picture of it. Each moment has three buttons:

- **Write story** turns it into a Story.
- **Edit** changes the words (see *Edit a moment*).
- **Move to Trash** asks first, and anything moved can be restored from Trash.

Newest or **Oldest** at the top changes the order. A moment whose Story you have started is marked **Draft**: tap **Write story** to carry on.

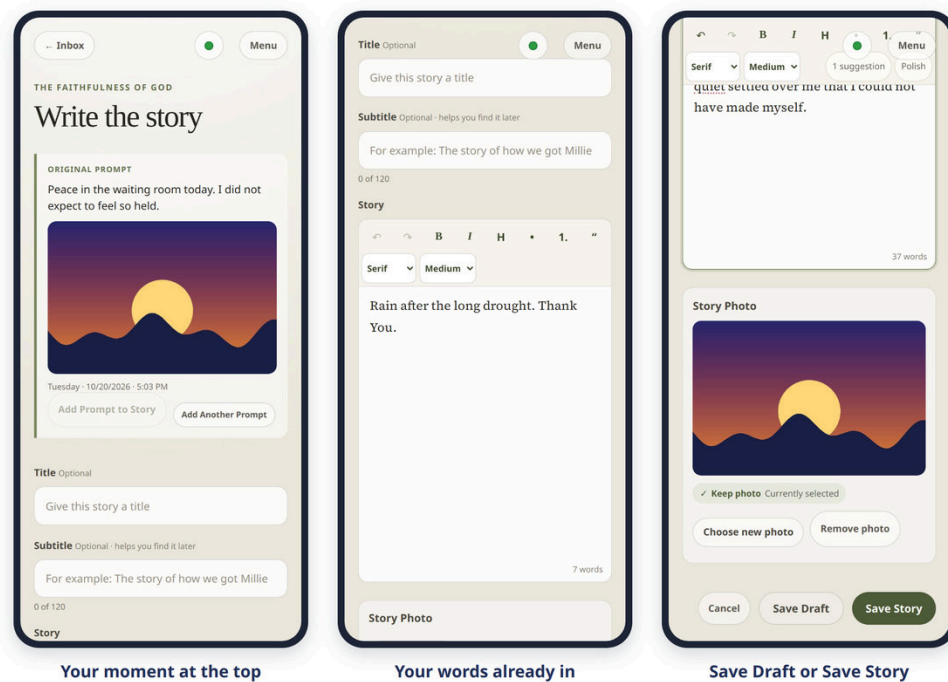


The Inbox, and a moment marked Draft. The small “Waiting to sync” tag is explained in “Syncing”.

Write the Story

Tap **Write story** on a moment in the Inbox (or **Write the story now** just after you save it). The screen **Write the story** opens with your moment shown at the top for reference, and its words, style and photo already in the Story box, ready for you to build on.

- 1 Add a **Title** if you like. It is optional: a Story without a title is named by its first few words.
- 2 Add a **Subtitle** if you like, right under the title (see below).
- 3 Choose a **Theme** if you like, just below the Subtitle. The page changes to it at once, so you see it as you write (see *A Story's own theme*).
- 4 Write what happened and why you want to remember it.
- 5 Under **Story Photo**, keep the moment's photo, **Choose new photo**, or **Remove photo**.
- 6 Tap **Save Draft** to come back to it later, or **Save Story** when it is finished.



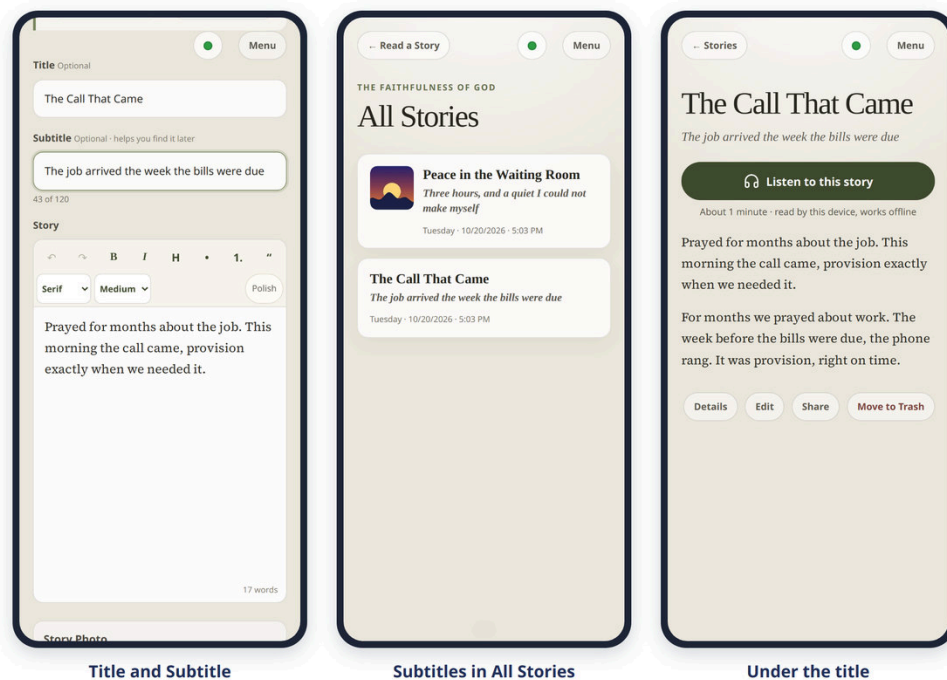
Write the story: your moment at the top, your words already in the box, and the buttons at the bottom

A Subtitle for your Story

A **Subtitle** is an optional line under the title. It helps you tell Stories with the same title apart, and find them later. For example, *God gave me a dog* with the subtitle *The story of how we got Millie*, or *My Church family loves me* with *Katy made me cupcakes on my 63rd birthday*.

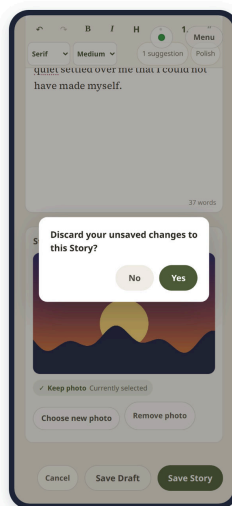
- The **Subtitle** box sits right under **Title** on *Write the story* and *Edit Story*. It says *Optional · helps you find it later*.
- It can be up to **120 characters**. A small count, such as *43 of 120*, shows as you type.
- It shows in italics under the title in **All Stories**, **Recent Stories**, your File Cabinets, search results and Trash, and under the big title when you read the Story (and in **Surprise Me**).
- **Search by Text** finds words in the subtitle too.
- It is kept with your drafts, synced to your account, kept in the Story's history, included in **Back Up My Stories** and in **Share**.

A Story without a subtitle looks just as it always did. Stories written before this update simply have none until you add one.



Title and Subtitle while writing, subtitles in All Stories, and the subtitle under the title when reading

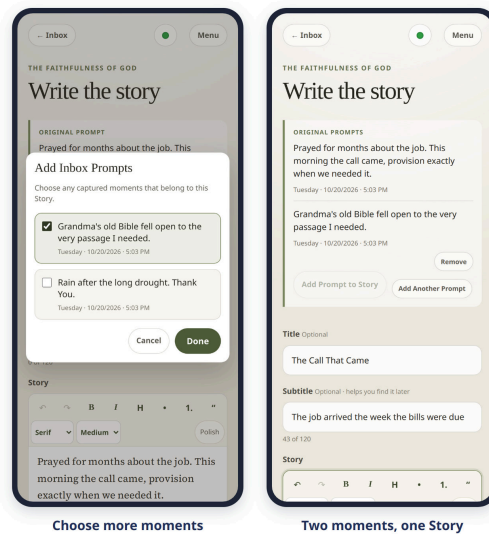
Cancel leaves without saving. If you have made changes, the app asks *Discard your unsaved changes to this Story?* first. A Draft you saved earlier is kept either way.



Cancel asks first

Cancel asks before throwing anything away

Several moments, one Story. If two or three moments belong together, tap **Add Another Prompt** and tick the ones to include. Each one shows at the top and can be taken out again with **Remove**. (**Add Prompt to Story** puts a moment's words into the Story box; it is greyed out while they are already there.)



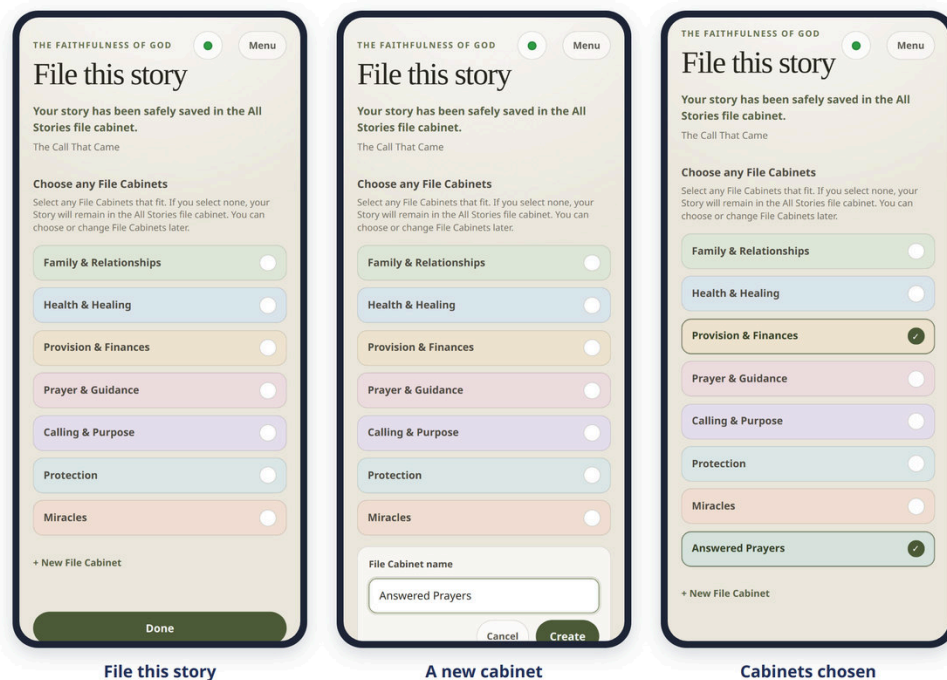
Choosing another moment, and a Story built from two moments

A Story's date is the day you wrote it.

File it in cabinets

After **Save Story**, the app says *Your story has been safely saved in the All Stories file cabinet.* Every Story is always in **All Stories**. You can also choose any of the File Cabinets that fit, or none: *Family & Relationships, Health & Healing, Provision & Finances, Prayer & Guidance, Calling & Purpose, Protection, Miracles*, and any you make yourself. + **New File Cabinet** makes your own.

Tap **Done**. The app opens **All Stories**, with your new Story at the top. You can change the cabinets later by editing the Story.

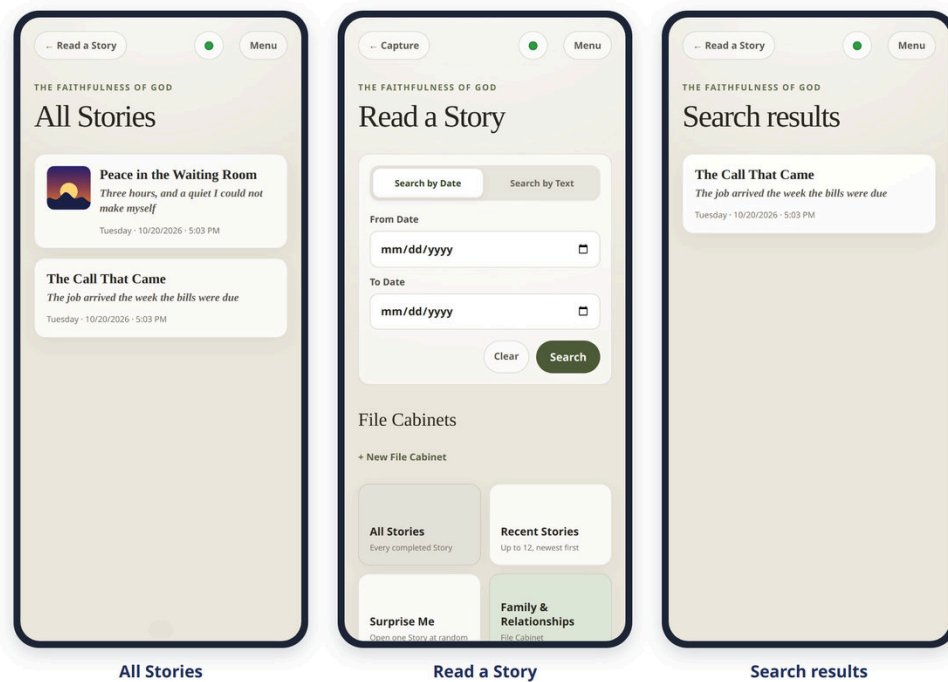


File this story, making a new cabinet, and choosing cabinets

Read your Stories

Menu, then **Read a Story**, is your library.

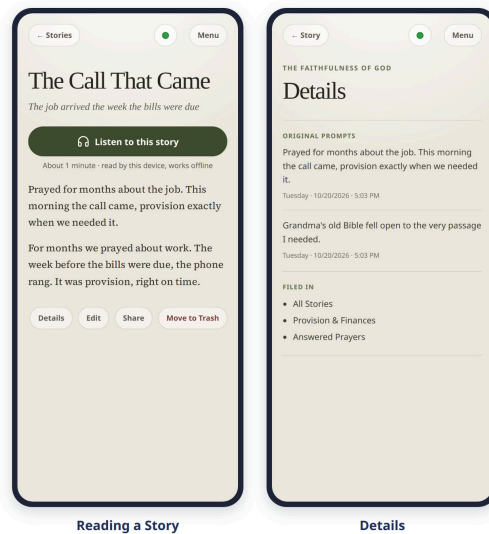
- **Search by Date** finds Stories written between two dates. **Search by Text** finds words in a title, a subtitle or a Story. **Clear** starts again.
- **All Stories** lists every Story, newest first. **Recent Stories** shows up to 12. **Surprise Me** opens one at random.
- Your File Cabinets sit alongside them. A Story with a photo shows a small picture on its card, and a Story with a subtitle shows it in italics under its title.



All Stories, the Read a Story screen, and search results

Tap a Story to read it in a calm, uncluttered view, with its subtitle (if it has one) in italics under the title. Under it:

- **Details** shows the original moment (or moments), when it was captured, the cabinets it is filed in, and the Story's **Theme** (see *A Story's own theme*).
- **Edit** changes it (see below).
- **Theme** opens **Details** with the Story's **Theme** choice ready, so you can give the Story its own look.
- **Share** opens your phone's share sheet with the Story (and its photo). Where sharing isn't available, the app copies the Story's text instead.
- **Move to Trash** asks first.



Reading a Story, and its Details

Listen to this story

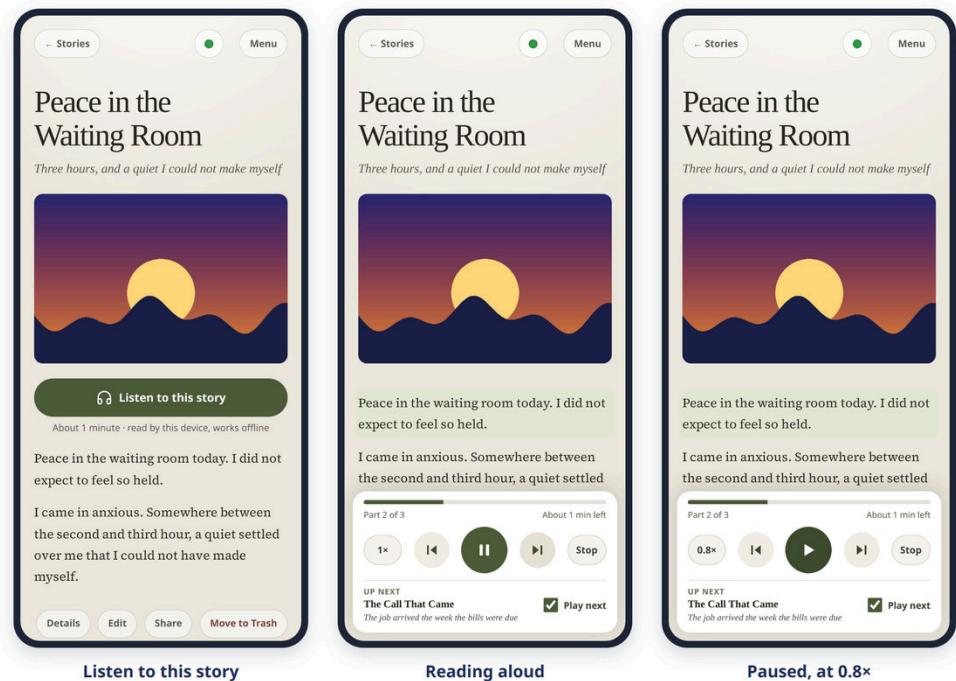
Every Story has a **Listen to this story** button above it. Tap it, and the app reads the Story aloud: first the title and subtitle, then each paragraph in turn. The paragraph being read is gently highlighted, so you can follow along. Under the button, a line such as *About 1 minute · read by this device, works offline* tells you how long it will take.

While it reads, a small player sits at the bottom of the screen:

Button	What it does
Pause / Play (the large round button)	Stops and starts again from the same part
Back and Forward	Go back or forward one part (one paragraph)
Speed (1×)	Tap to change: 0.8× (slower), 1× or 1.25× (faster). The app remembers your choice
Stop	Stops reading and closes the player
Up next and Play next	Shows the next Story in the list you opened this one from. With Play next ticked, it goes straight on to that Story when this one ends

The player also shows *Part 2 of 3* and about how many minutes are left. Leaving the Story stops the reading.

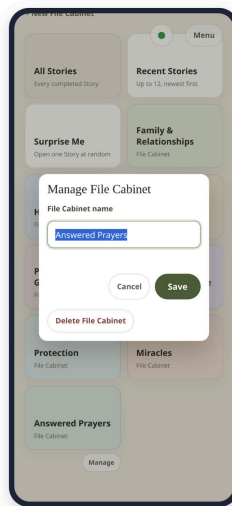
Private, and works offline. Listen uses only a voice built into your phone or computer, so no Story text leaves your device, and it works without the internet. It reads with the voice you chose in **Menu**, then **Settings** (see *Settings: themes and the reading voice*), or with the device's usual voice if you left it on **Automatic**. On a device that has no such voice, the button is not shown.



Listen to this story, reading aloud with the paragraph highlighted, and paused at 0.8x

Organise your cabinets

On **Read a Story**, tap **Manage** under one of your own cabinets to rename it or delete it. A cabinet that still holds Stories can't be deleted, and the app explains why. Deleting a cabinet never deletes a Story.



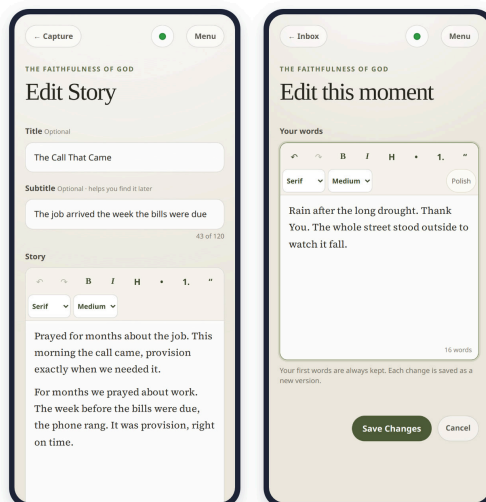
Manage File Cabinet

Manage File Cabinet

Edit a Story or a moment

A Story: open it and tap **Edit**. Change the title, the subtitle, the words, the photo or the cabinets, then tap **Save Changes**. **Theme** sits just below the Subtitle; a new theme shows at once and is kept without **Save Changes**. **Cancel** asks before throwing changes away.

A moment: in the **Inbox**, tap **Edit** under it. On **Edit this moment**, change the words (the toolbar, fonts and spelling checker are here), then tap **Save Changes**.



Edit Story

Edit this moment

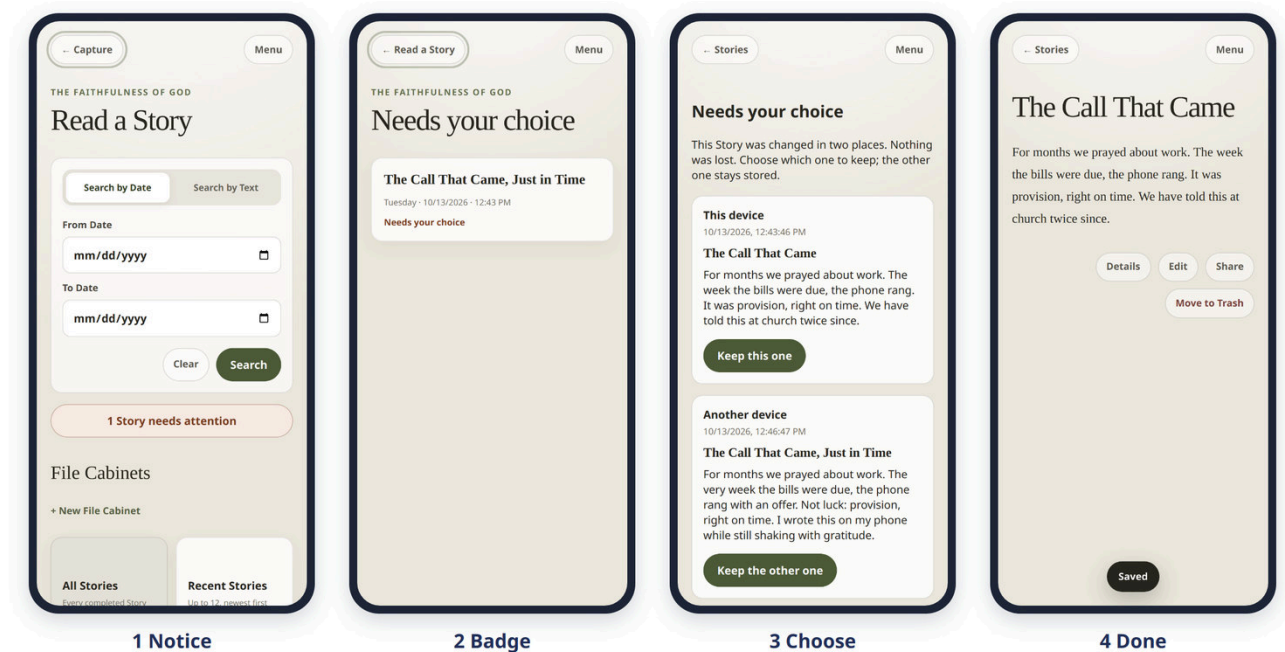
Edit Story, and Edit this moment

Every version is kept. Each time you save a change, the app keeps it as a new version and never overwrites an earlier one. Your first words are always kept.

When a Story needs your choice

If you change the same Story (or moment) on two devices before they have had a chance to sync, for example on a phone with no signal and on a laptop, the app keeps **both** versions. It never chooses for you.

- 1 **Read a Story** shows a notice such as **1 Story needs attention**. Tap it.
- 2 The Story is marked **Needs your choice**. Open it.
- 3 Compare the two versions. Each one shows which device made it and when, and its subtitle if it has one.
- 4 Tap **Keep this one** or **Keep the other one**.



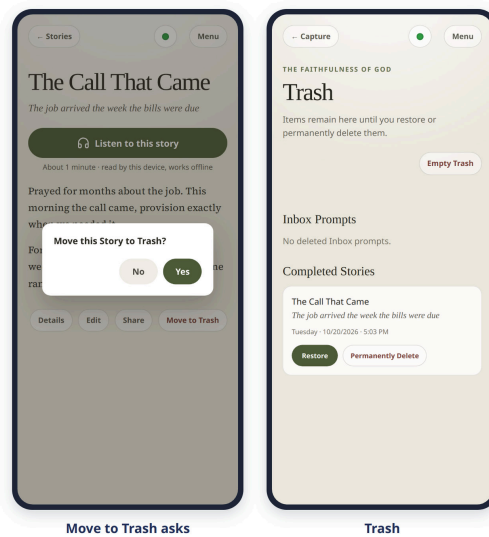
The notice, the Needs your choice badge, the two versions, and the Story after choosing

Your choice is saved as a new version and reaches all your devices. The other version is still stored: *nothing was lost*. Until you choose, **Edit**, **Share** and **Move to Trash** are paused for that Story. For a moment in the Inbox, its **Edit** button reads **Choose**, and you can also tap **Decide later**.

Trash

Moving a moment or a Story to **Trash** is never the end. Open **Menu**, then **Trash**:

- **Restore** puts it back where it was.
- **Permanently Delete** removes one item, after a final warning.
- **Empty Trash** clears everything, also after a final warning.



Move to Trash asks first, and the Trash screen

Permanently deleted means gone everywhere. When you permanently delete something, the deletion reaches your account too, so it never comes back on any of your devices. Trash and Restore also sync, so what is in your Trash is the same on every device.

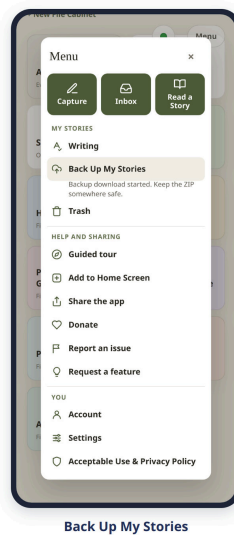
Back up your Stories

Menu, then **Back Up My Stories**, downloads one ZIP file. It contains:

- **My Stories.pdf**, a printable book of your finished Stories;
- your Story photos;
- **Faithfulness Restore Data - Keep This File.json**, which lets your Stories be restored later. Since 0.9.11 it also holds your themes and theme choices, and since 0.10.0 the Stories you shared, what happened to them and the kind words readers left.

The Menu then says *Backup download started. Keep the ZIP somewhere safe.* Keep it on a computer, a USB drive or a cloud drive. If you haven't finished a Story yet, the app tells you there is nothing to

back up.



Back Up My Stories

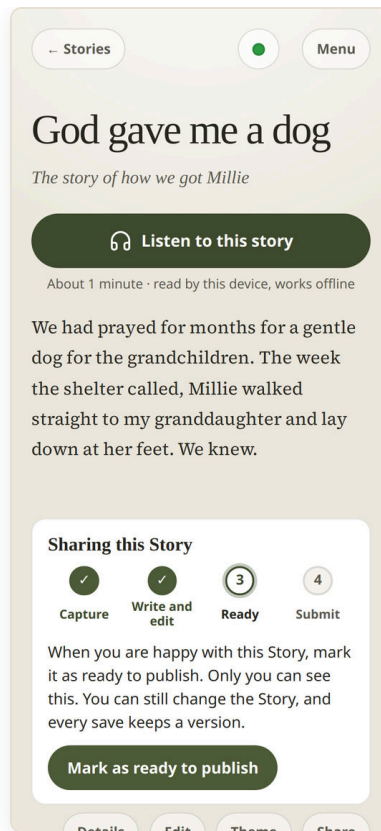
Sharing your Stories

Your Stories are private. Nobody else can read them unless **you** choose to share one. When you do, other people who use the app read it, without your name, and say what they think. Each week the Stories they choose are shared with everyone in **This Week's Stories**. This chapter shows every step.

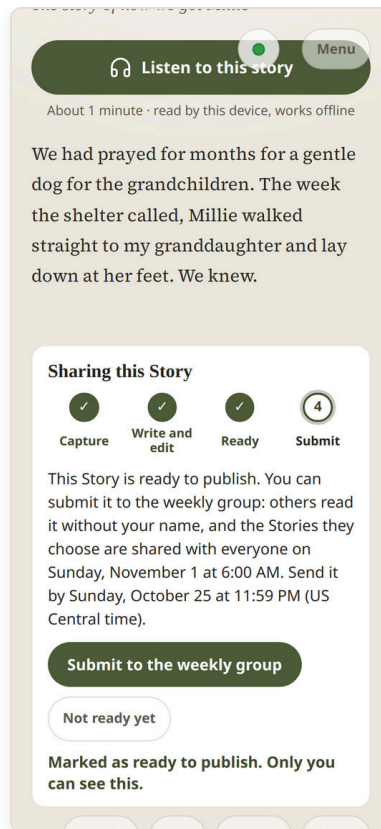
The four steps

Open a finished Story in **Read a Story**. Under the Story, **Sharing this Story** shows four steps. The steps that are done have a tick; the next one is ringed.

1. **Capture**: you wrote the moment down.
2. **Write and edit**: you wrote the Story, with a Subtitle, a File Cabinet, a photo and a theme if you like. Every time you save, a version is kept.
3. **Ready**: tap **Mark as ready to publish** when you are happy with it. Only you can see this. You can still change the Story, and **Not ready yet** takes the mark off again. Marking works without an internet connection too; it is saved to your account when you are back online.
4. **Submit**: send it to this week's group.



Sharing this Story: Capture and Write and edit are done, Ready is next



After Mark as ready to publish: Submit is next, with the dates for this week

Submitting a Story

Tap **Submit to the weekly group**. A short form opens right there on the page (it never covers the screen):

- **If it is chosen, show it: With my name** (type the name you want people to see, for example *Grace H.*), or **Without my name**, which shows as *Anonymous*. The app remembers the name on this device for next time.
- A few lines say what happens next, with this week's dates.
- Tick **I agree** to say that other people will read the Story, and that if it is chosen everyone who uses the app can read it, with your name or as *Anonymous*, as you chose.

Then tap **Submit my Story**. Submitting needs an internet connection; if there is none, the app says so and nothing is lost.

straight to my granddaughter and lay
down at her feet. We kne

Menu

Sharing this Story

✓ Capture ✓ Write and edit ✓ Ready 4 Submit

Last step. Choose how your name shows, and read what happens next.

If it is chosen, show it

☒ With my name:

☐ Without my name (it shows as "Anonymous")

- Other people who use the app read it and say what they think. They do not see your name.
- They ask two things: Does it bring light? Does it show the faithfulness of God? A Story needs at least 3 reviews, and two out of three readers recommending it, to go on to the ranking. The 20 best-rated are shared with everyone on Sunday, November 1 at 6:00 AM.
- Later changes you make are not sent. The group reads the Story as it is now. You can take it back until Sunday, October 25 at 11:59 PM (US Central time). You can send 2 Stories a week.

☒ I agree that other people will read

The Submit form: the name choice and what happens next

If it is chosen, show it

☒ With my name:

Grace H.

☐ Without my name (it shows as "Anonymous")

Menu

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☒ I agree that other people will read this Story, and that if it is chosen, everyone who uses the app can read it, shown with my name or as Anonymous, as I chose above.

Cancel

Submit my Story

Details

Edit

Theme

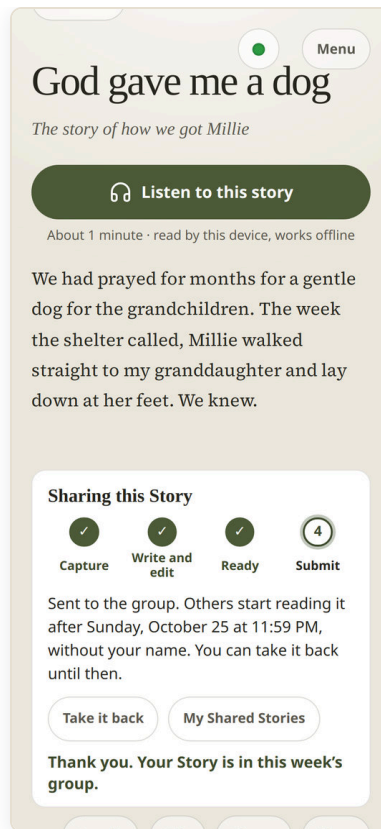
Share

Move to Trash

The agreement, and Submit my Story

What is sent is a copy of the Story as it is now: its title, subtitle, text, photo and theme. Changes you make later are not sent. You can send **two** Stories a week.

After submitting, the box says where the Story is. Until submissions close you can tap **Take it back**; the app asks on the page, *Take this Story out of this week's group?*, and **Yes, take it back** removes it. It stays marked ready, so you can send it again.



Sent: Take it back, and My Shared Stories

The weekly schedule

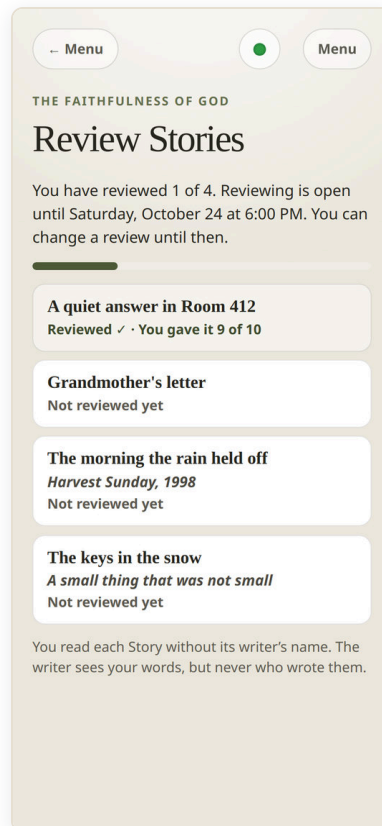
All times are US Central time (they move with daylight saving):

When	What happens
Until Sunday 11:59 PM	Stories can be submitted for this week, and taken back.
Monday 12:00 AM to Saturday 6:00 PM	People read and review the week's Stories.
Saturday 6:00 PM to 11:59 PM	Only if Stories tie for the last place: people choose between them.
Sunday 6:00 AM	The chosen Stories appear in This Week's Stories , and each writer hears how theirs did.

So a Story sent this week is read next week and shared on the Sunday after that. The Story's box always shows the real dates, for example *Send it by Sunday, October 25 at 11:59 PM*.

Reviewing Stories

Menu, then **Review Stories** opens a page with this week's Stories, in an order of your own and **without the writers' names**. Your own Story is never in your list. At the top you see how far you are, for example *You have reviewed 1 of 4*.



Review Stories: your progress and the Stories to read

Tap a Story to read it, in its own theme. Under it is **Your review**:

- **Does it bring light?** and **Does it show the faithfulness of God?** Yes or No. These help you decide.
- **Do you recommend it for This Week's Stories?** Yes or No.
- **Your rating**, from 1 to 10 (10 is the best).
- **Kind words for the writer**, if you like (up to 1,000 letters). The writer sees them after the Stories are shared, but never your name.

Tap **Save my review**. Then **Next Story** takes you on, or **Back to the list**. You can change a review until reviewing closes on Saturday at 6:00 PM. Saving a review needs an internet connection.

Review Stories

Menu

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Review Stories

Grandmother's letter

We found her letter in a hymnal forty years after she wrote it. It said exactly what my mother needed to hear that week.

Your review

The two questions help you decide. Your recommendation and your rating are what count.

Does it bring light?

YesNo

Does it show the faithfulness of God?

YesNo

Do you recommend it for This Week's Stories?

YesNo

Your rating, from 1 to 10 (10 is the best)

12345

A Story to review, in its own theme

Menu

Your review

The two questions help you decide. Your recommendation and your rating are what count.

Does it bring light?

Yes

No

Does it show the faithfulness of God?

Yes

No

Do you recommend it for This Week's Stories?

Yes

No

Your rating, from 1 to 10 (10 is the best)

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Kind words for the writer (you may leave this empty)

This reminded me of my own mother.
Thank you.

45 of 1000 letters

The writer sees your words after the Stories are shared, but never your name.

Save my review

Your review: the two questions, recommend, the rating and kind words

The two questions help you decide. Your recommendation and your rating what counts

Does it bring light?

Does it show the faithfulness of God?

Do you recommend it for This Week's Stories?

Your rating, from 1 to 10 (10 is the best)

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 **8** 9 10

Kind words for the writer (you may leave this empty)

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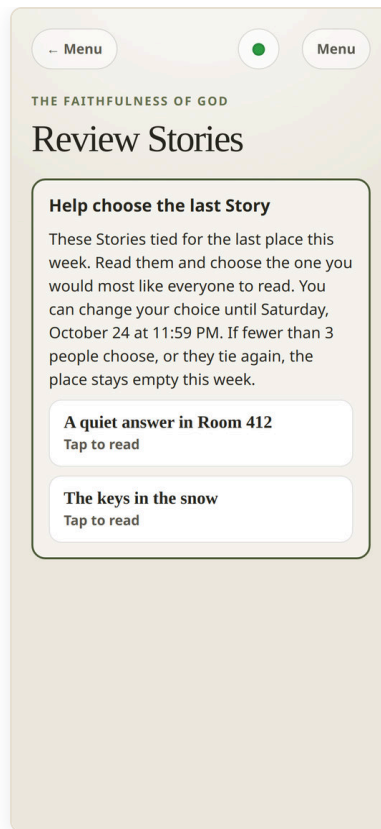
Thank you. Your review is saved (2 of 4).

Saved, with Next Story

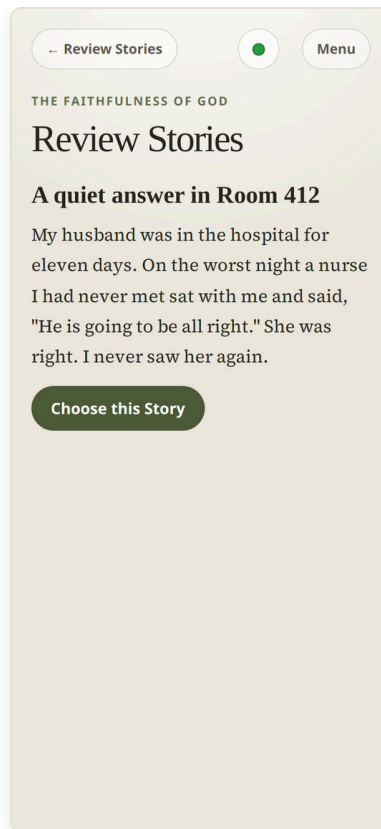
At the top of every one of these pages is a large back button, such as **← Review Stories** or **← Menu**. Your phone's own way of going back works too: on an iPhone, swipe in from the left edge of the screen; on an Android phone, use the **Back** gesture or button; on a computer, the browser's Back button.

How Stories are chosen

- A Story needs **at least 3 reviews**, and **at least two out of three** of its readers must recommend it.
- Those Stories are ranked by their average rating. Up to **20** are shared each week.
- If Stories tie for the last place, everyone who takes part can choose between them on Saturday evening (**Help choose the last Story**, at the top of Review Stories). If **fewer than 3 people** choose, or they tie again, that place stays empty for the week. People who wrote one of the tied Stories don't choose.



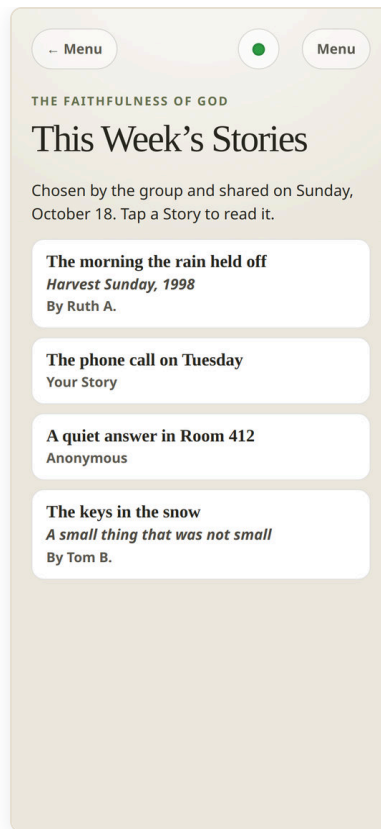
Help choose the last Story



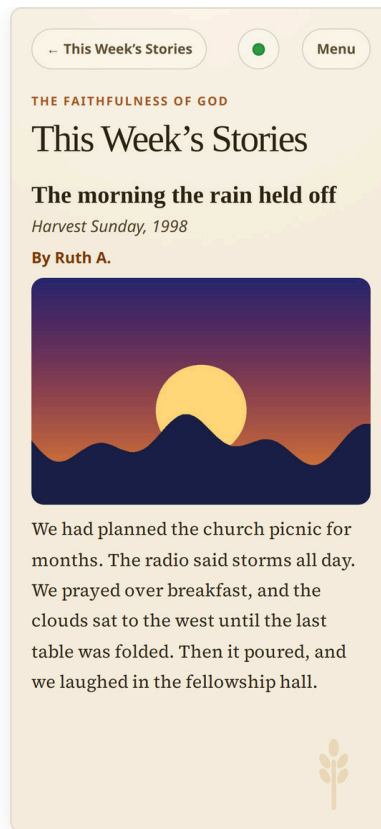
Reading a tied Story, and Choose this Story

This Week's Stories

Menu, then the wide tile **This Week's Stories**, shows the Stories the group chose, best first, each with the writer's name or *Anonymous*. Tap one to read it, in its own theme, with its photo. Ratings are never shown here. **Earlier weeks** lists the weeks before. Reading needs an internet connection.



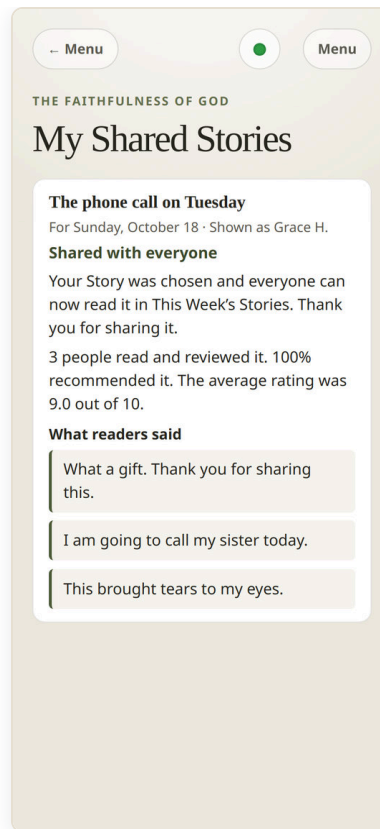
This Week's Stories



A shared Story, in its own theme

My Shared Stories

Menu, then **My Shared Stories** lists every Story you sent, the week, how it shows, and where it is: *Being read by the group, Shared with everyone or Not chosen this week*. After the Sunday it was decided, you see how many people reviewed it, how many recommended it, the average rating, and **What readers said**, without their names. A short message in the app tells you too. A Story that was not chosen can be sent again in a later week.



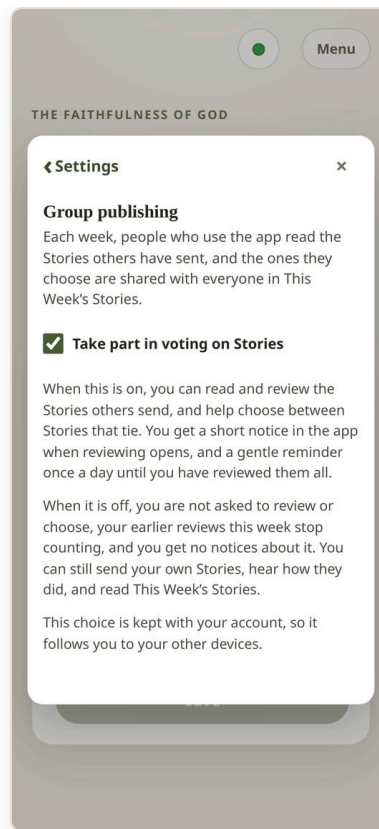
My Shared Stories: the outcome and what readers said

Taking part in voting

Reviewing is your choice. **Menu, Settings, Group publishing** has one switch, **Take part in voting on Stories** (it starts on).

- **On:** you get a short message in the app when reviewing opens on Monday, and a gentle reminder at most once a day (from 10 AM, not on the Monday) until you have reviewed every Story. The messages never appear while you are writing.
- **Off:** you are not asked to review or choose, your reviews stop counting, and you get none of those messages. You can still share your own Stories, hear how they did and read This Week's Stories.

The choice is kept with your account, so it follows you to your other devices.



Settings, Group publishing

Taking a shared Story down. Deleting a Story (**Trash**, then **Delete forever**) removes every copy you shared, from this week's group and from This Week's Stories. While a shared Story is in your Trash, nobody else sees it. You can also ask the team to remove it (the address is in the policy).

Writing tools

Formatting and fonts

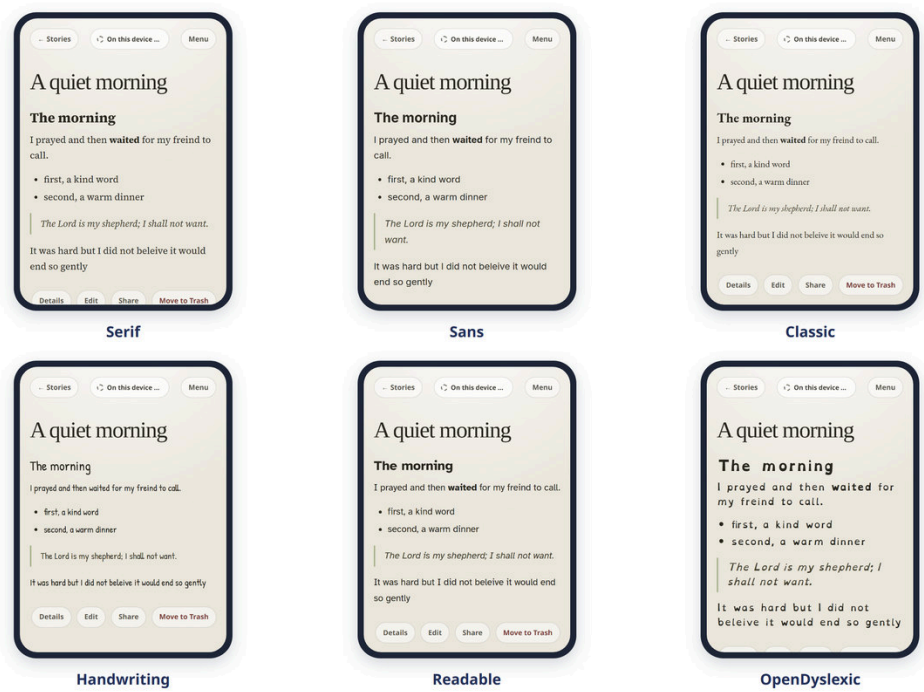
When you edit a moment, or write or edit a Story, a toolbar sits above the writing box.

- **First row:** undo and redo, **B** bold, **I** italic, **H** heading, a bulleted list, a numbered list and a **quote block**. Use the quote block for a scripture: it shows in italics with a bar beside it.
- **Second row:** a **font** and a **size** for this item, and on the right the suggestions count and **Polish**.

Fonts and sizes are chosen **for each item**, so one Story can be in Handwriting and another in Readable. The choice also shows when you read the Story.

Font	Best for
Serif	The app's default, calm and bookish
Sans	A plain, clean look
Classic	A traditional book face
Handwriting	A personal, journal feel
Readable	Atkinson Hyperlegible, designed so letters are easy to tell apart
OpenDyslexic	Letters with weighted bottoms, which some readers find steadier

Sizes are **Small, Medium, Large** and **Extra large**.

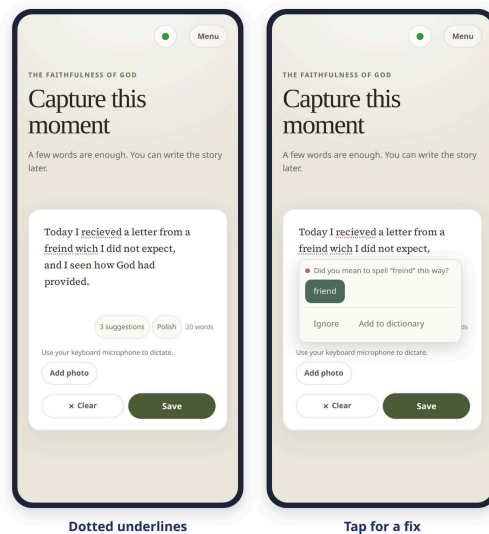


The same Story in each of the six fonts

Spelling and grammar

After a pause in your writing, the app quietly checks it. A **rose dotted underline** marks a spelling slip, and a **gold dotted underline** marks grammar. A word you are still typing isn't flagged until you move on.

- 1 Tap an underlined word. A small card shows up to three fixes.
- 2 Tap a fix to use it, **Ignore** to leave the word, or **Add to dictionary** if the word is right, such as a name.
- 3 The count beside the word count, such as *3 suggestions*, shows how many are waiting.



Dotted underlines in the Capture box, and the card with a fix

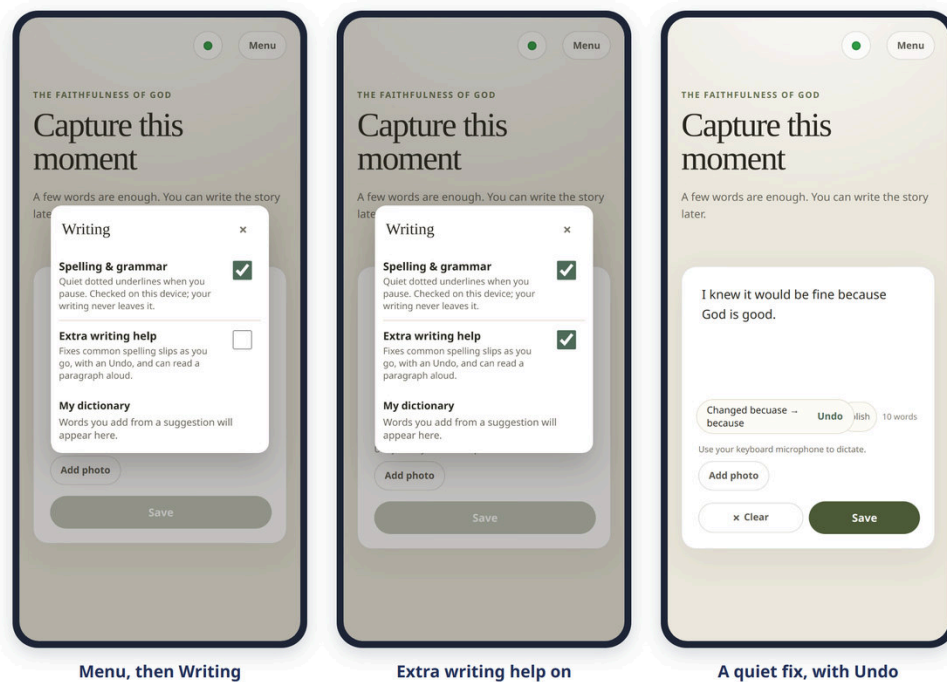
Private by design. The checker works on your device. Nothing you write is sent anywhere to be checked. The first time, the app downloads its checking engine (about 15 MB); after that it works offline. It knows many faith words, such as names from Scripture.

The Writing settings and Extra writing help

Menu, then **Writing**, turns **Spelling & grammar** on or off, turns **Extra writing help** on or off, and lists the words in **My dictionary** (each with **Remove**).

Extra writing help is for anyone who would like more help with spelling. It is off until you turn it on.

- **Quiet fixes as you type.** A common slip, such as two letters swapped, is put right when you finish the word. A small note says what changed, with **Undo**. After Undo the app leaves that word alone in that item.
- **Never names or scripture.** It doesn't change names, and never changes a scripture quote.
- **Read aloud.** A button reads a paragraph back to you, using a voice already on your device: the one you chose in **Menu**, then **Settings**, or the usual one (see *Settings: Reading voice*).
- **A gentle suggestion.** If you accept many spelling fixes, the app may offer extra help once, in a small note. You can say yes or no thanks; it doesn't ask again.



Menu, then Writing

Extra writing help on

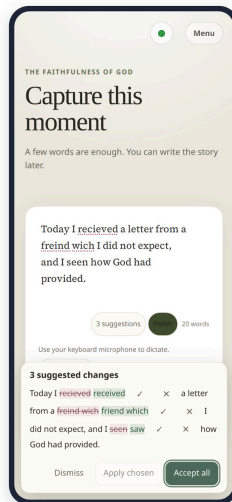
A quiet fix, with Undo

Menu, then Writing; Extra writing help turned on; and a quiet fix with Undo

Polish

Polish is an optional proofread for when you would like a second pair of eyes. It sits beside the word count, and works when you are signed in and online.

- 1 Select some words in a paragraph, or put the cursor in one, and tap **Polish**.
- 2 Polish shows the paragraph with **suggested changes**: your old words struck through and the new ones beside them. Tap the tick to accept a change, or the cross to keep your words.
- 3 Tap **Accept all**, **Apply chosen** for the ones you ticked, or **Dismiss** to change nothing.



Polish suggestions

Polish suggestions, shown as tracked changes

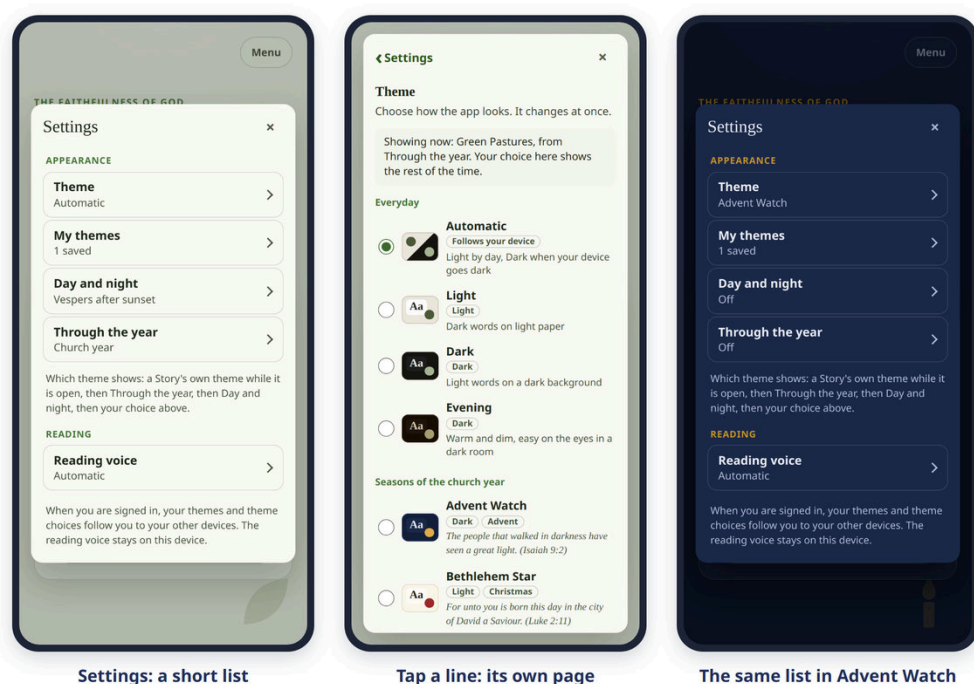
Good to know	Detail
What it changes	Spelling and grammar only. It keeps your voice, your names and your scripture lines.
How much at once	One paragraph, up to 4,000 characters. Scripture quote blocks are skipped.
How often	A daily limit (30 times a day for each person). If you reach it, Polish says so and comes back tomorrow.
If something goes wrong	You see a calm message, and your writing is untouched.
Privacy	Only the paragraph you chose is sent, only when you tap Polish, to an AI proofreader, a service this app uses. It is not stored, and your name and email are not sent. Nothing changes until you accept a suggestion.

Settings: themes and the reading voice

Menu, then **Settings** (under **You**, below Account), opens **Settings**. Since version 0.9.12 it is a short list. Each line shows what is chosen now, and opens a page of its own:

Line	What it is for	Shows, for example
Theme	How the app looks: the colours, and the small symbol in the corner	<i>Automatic</i>
My themes	Themes you make in your own colours	<i>1 saved</i>
Day and night	One theme by day and another at night	<i>Vespers after sunset</i>
Through the year	A theme that changes with the seasons of the church year, or on dates you choose	<i>Church year</i>
Group publishing (since 0.10.0)	Whether you take part in reviewing the Stories others share (see <i>Sharing your Stories</i>)	<i>Taking part in voting</i>
Reading voice	The voice for Listen to this story and Read aloud	<i>Automatic</i>

- 1 Open **Menu** and tap **Settings**.
- 2 Tap a line, for example **Theme**. Its page opens in the same window.
- 3 To go back to the list, tap ◀ **Settings** at the top left. Your phone's own way of going back works too: on an iPhone, swipe in from the left edge of the screen; on an Android phone, use the **Back** gesture or button. Going back from the list closes Settings.
- 4 Tap ✕ at any time to close Settings straight away.



Settings: a short list

Tap a line: its own page

The same list in Advent Watch

Settings is a short list; each line opens its own page; the same list in the Advent Watch theme

Under **Appearance**, one line explains which theme shows when you have chosen more than one kind: *a Story's own theme while it is open, then Through the year, then Day and night, then your choice above*. At the bottom of the list another line says that, when you are signed in, your themes and theme choices follow you to your other devices, while the reading voice stays on the device you chose it on.

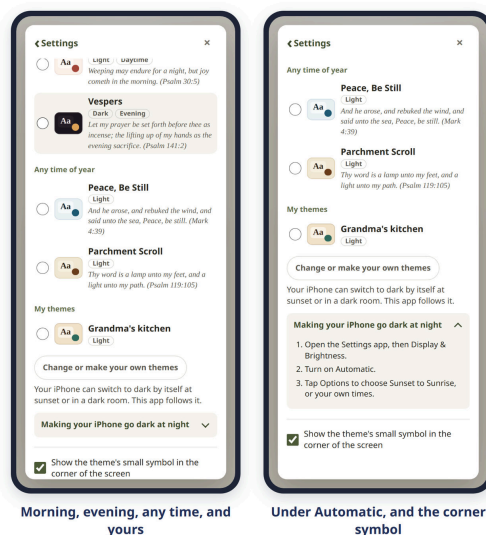
Choosing a theme

Themes are new in version 0.9.11. **Theme** lists them in groups. Each has a small sample (Aa in its colours), a **Light** or **Dark** tag, and, for the church-year themes, its season and a verse from Scripture.

- 1 Open **Menu**, tap **Settings**, then tap **Theme**.
- 2 Scroll through the list and tap the theme you like. The whole app changes at once.
- 3 Tap **< Settings** to go back, or **x** to close. The app opens in the same theme next time.

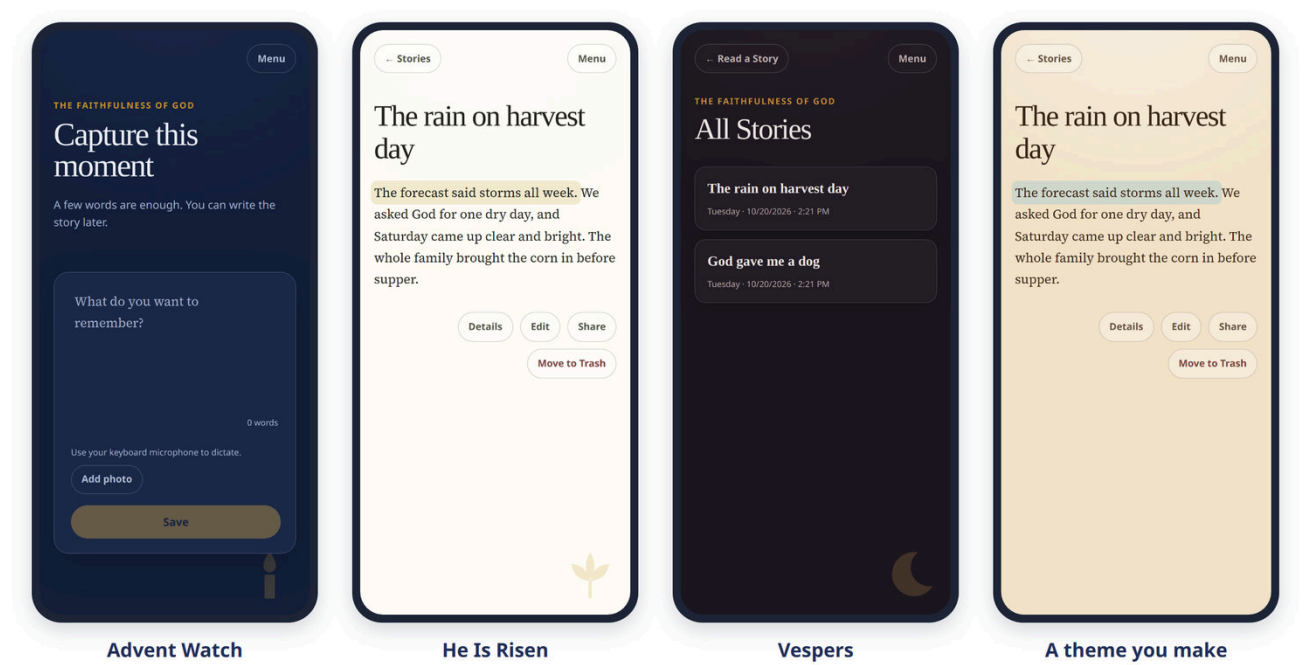
Group	Themes
Everyday	Automatic (chosen to begin with: light by day, dark when your device goes dark), Light (dark words on light paper, the look the app has always had), Dark (light words on a dark background), Evening (warm and dim, easy on the eyes in a dark room)
Seasons of the church year	Advent Watch (Advent), Bethlehem Star (Christmas), Silent Night (Christmas evenings), Light to the Nations (Epiphany), Wilderness (Lent), Gethsemane (Holy Week), He Is Risen (Easter), Tongues of Fire (Pentecost), Green Pastures (Ordinary Time), Harvest (Thanksgiving week)
Morning and evening	Joy in the Morning and Vespers
Any time of year	Peace, Be Still and Parchment Scroll
My themes	The themes you make yourself (see <i>Making your own theme</i>)

If **Through the year** or **Day and night** is choosing the theme at the moment, a note at the top of the page says so, for example *Showing now: Green Pastures, from Through the year. Your choice here shows the rest of the time.*



Theme: more groups, and under Automatic the steps for your own phone and the corner symbol

Every built-in theme was checked so the words are easy to read. Red for a warning, green for success and the coloured sync dots keep their usual colours in every theme.



The app in Advent Watch, He Is Risen, Vespers, and a theme you made

The small symbol in the corner

Most themes have a small, faint symbol, such as a candle for Advent Watch, a lily for He Is Risen or a moon for Vespers. It sits in the bottom corner of the main screens and never covers the words of a Story. If you would rather not see it, open **Theme**, scroll to the end, and untick **Show the theme’s small symbol in the corner of the screen**. A line underneath confirms it: *The corner symbol is off*.

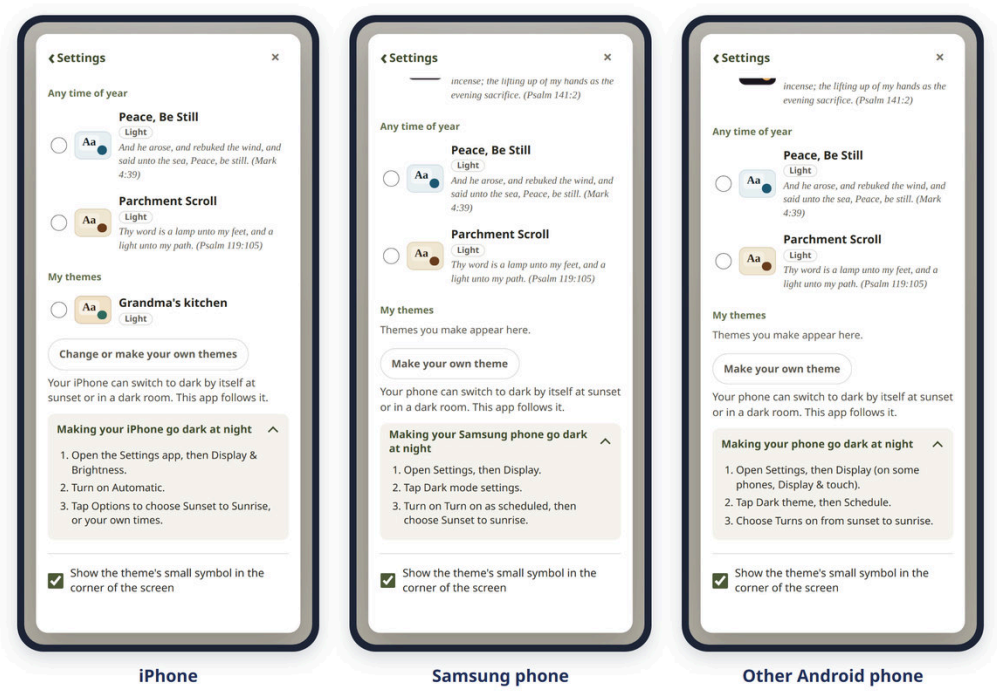
Letting the phone go dark by itself

A web app cannot read the light in the room, so **Automatic** follows your phone instead. Your phone can switch to dark by itself at sunset or on a schedule, and the app follows it. When **Automatic** is chosen, the end of the **Theme** page says so, and **Making your iPhone go dark at night** (or the words for your device) folds open to show the steps for your device only:

Device	What to do
iPhone or iPad	Open the Settings app, then Display & Brightness . Turn on Automatic . Tap Options to choose Sunset to Sunrise , or your own times.
Samsung phone	Open Settings , then Display . Tap Dark mode settings . Turn on Turn on as scheduled , then choose Sunset to sunrise .

Device	What to do
Other Android phones	Open Settings , then Display (on some phones, Display & touch). Tap Dark theme , then Schedule . Choose Turns on from sunset to sunrise .
Mac	Open System Settings , then Appearance , and choose Auto .
Windows computer	Open Settings , then Personalization > Colors . Under Choose your mode , choose Dark .

If you would rather the app chose for itself, use **Day and night** instead (below).



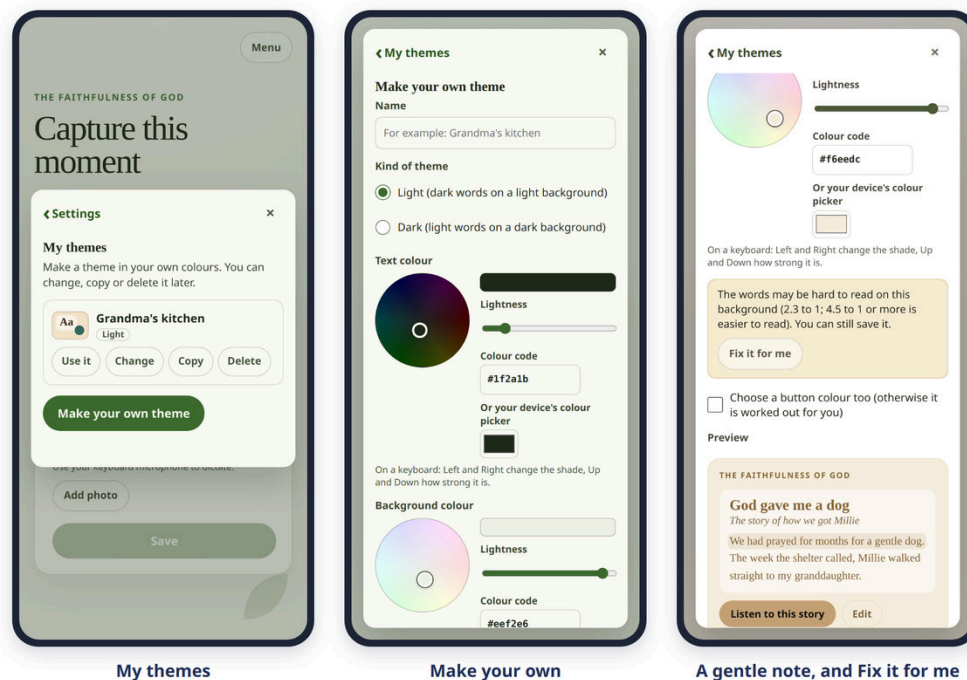
Making your phone go dark at night: the steps on an iPhone, a Samsung phone and another Android phone

Making your own theme

My themes lists the themes you have made, each with **Use it**, **Change**, **Copy** and **Delete**, and the button **Make your own theme**. You can also reach it from the end of the **Theme** page, with **Change or make your own themes**.

- 1 Open **Menu**, tap **Settings**, then **My themes**, then **Make your own theme**. Its page opens; < **My themes** at the top takes you back.
- 2 Type a **Name**, for example *Grandma's kitchen*.
- 3 Choose the **Kind of theme**: **Light** (dark words on a light background) or **Dark** (light words on a dark background).
- 4 Choose the **Text colour**: touch the colour wheel (the shade and how strong it is), then move the **Lightness** slider. You can also type a **Colour code** such as `#3a2618`, or use **your device's colour picker**.
- 5 Choose the **Background colour** the same way.
- 6 If you like, tick **Choose a button colour too**. Otherwise a button colour is worked out for you.
- 7 Look at the **Preview**: a short Story in your colours. Then tap **Save theme**. It becomes your theme at once, and a line says, for example, *"Sunday best" is saved and is your theme now*. **Cancel** leaves without saving.

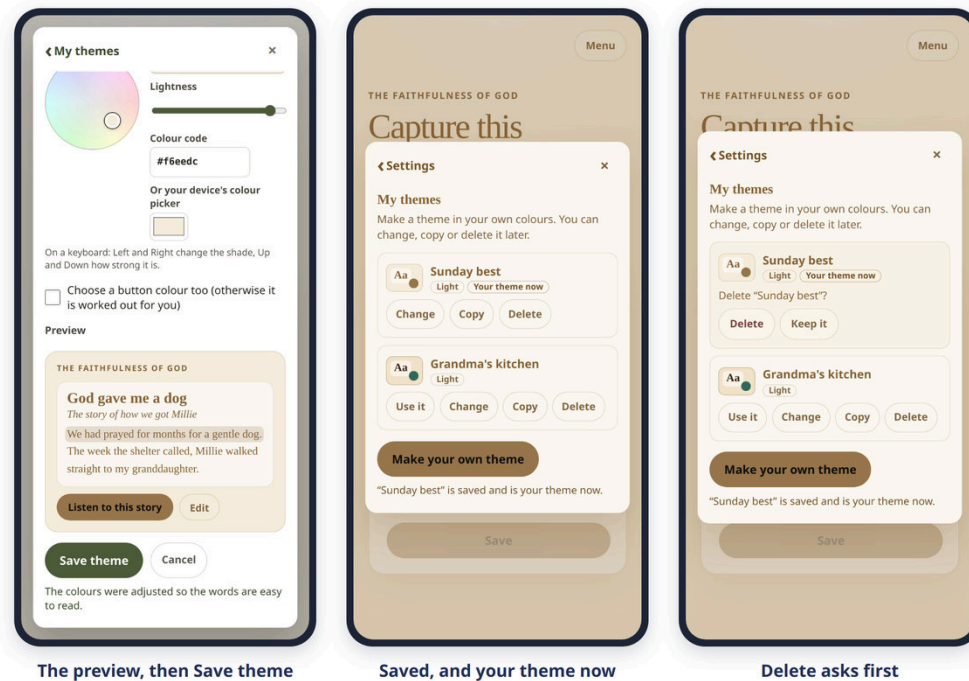
If the words would be hard to read on your background, a gentle note says so, for example *The words may be hard to read on this background (2.3 to 1; 4.5 to 1 or more is easier to read)*. You can still save it. Tap **Fix it for me**, and the colours are adjusted just enough to be easy to read (*The colours were adjusted so the words are easy to read*). You are never stopped from saving.



My themes, Make your own with its colour wheels, and the note when the words would be hard to read

- **Change** opens the same page with that theme's colours, and the button says **Save changes**.

- **Copy** opens the same page with a copy of that theme, named for example *Grandma's kitchen copy*, to start a new theme from. It is saved only when you tap **Save theme**.
- **Delete** asks first: *Delete "Sunday best"?*, with **Delete** and **Keep it**. If some Stories use that theme, the question says how many, and they go back to *Same as the app*.
- **Use it** makes it your theme. The theme in use is marked **Your theme now**.



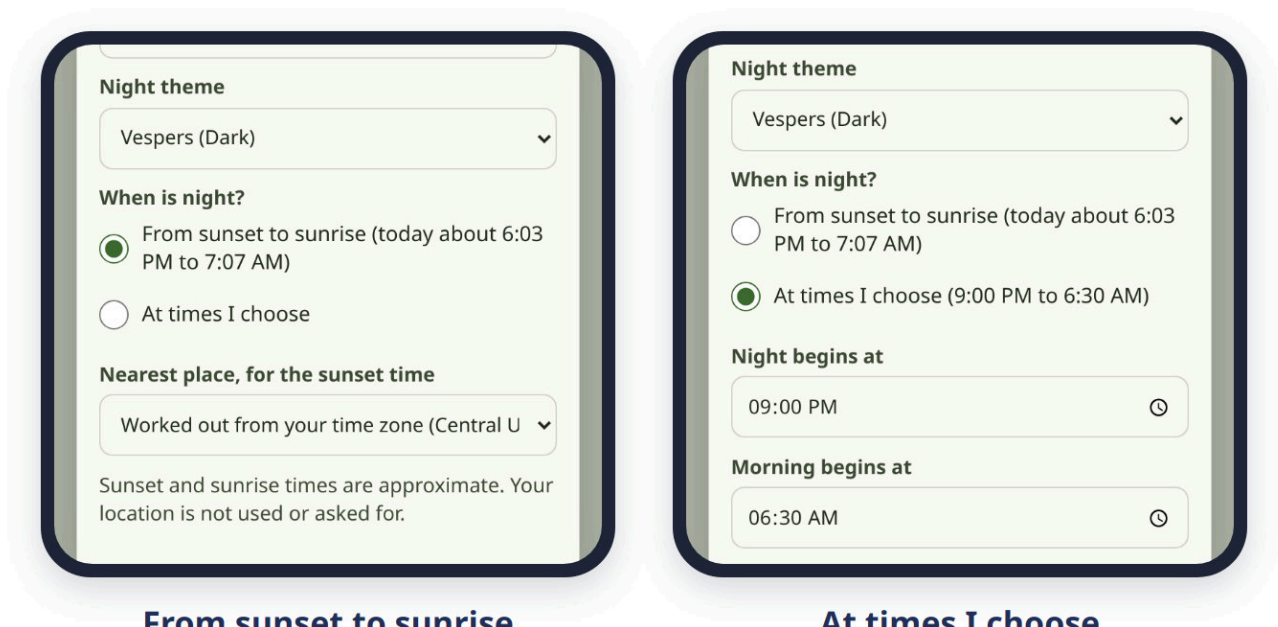
The preview and Save theme, the saved theme marked Your theme now, and Delete asking first

Day and night

Day and night uses one theme by day and another at night.

- 1 Open **Menu**, tap **Settings**, then **Day and night**.
- 2 Under **Change the theme at night?**, tap **Yes, one theme by day and another at night**.
- 3 Choose a **Day theme** (for example *Joy in the Morning*) and a **Night theme** (for example *Vespers*).
- 4 Under **When is night?**, choose **From sunset to sunrise** (it shows today's sunset and sunrise, for example *today about 6:03 PM to 7:07 AM*), or **At times I choose** and set **Night begins at** and **Morning begins at** (it then shows your times, for example *9:00 PM to 6:30 AM*).

Each choice shows its own times: **From sunset to sunrise** always shows today's sunset and sunrise, even while **At times I choose** is selected, so you can compare them before you change.



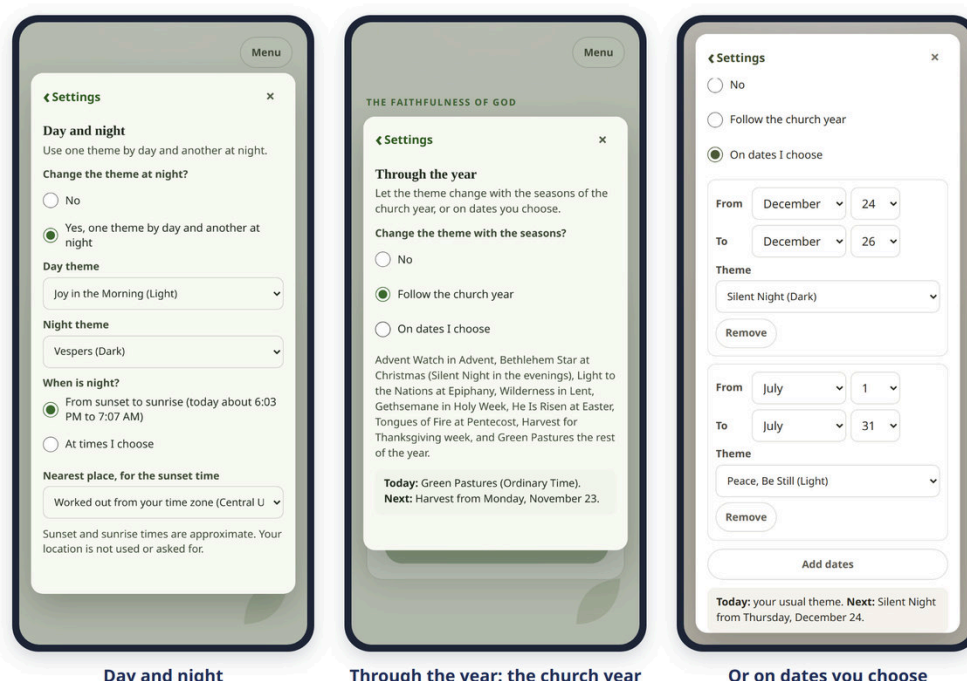
Day and night: from sunset to sunrise, and at times you choose

The sunset time is worked out from your phone's time zone. If it seems off, choose the **Nearest place, for the sunset time** from a short list of cities. The times are **approximate**, and your location is not used or asked for. Tap **No** to turn Day and night off.

Through the year

Through the year changes the theme with the seasons.

- 1 Open **Menu**, tap **Settings**, then **Through the year**.
- 2 Under **Change the theme with the seasons?**, choose **No, Follow the church year** or **On dates I choose**.
 - **Follow the church year:** Advent Watch in Advent (from Advent Sunday), Bethlehem Star at Christmas (25 December to 5 January, with Silent Night in the evenings), Light to the Nations at Epiphany, Wilderness in Lent (from Ash Wednesday), Gethsemane in Holy Week (from Palm Sunday), He Is Risen at Easter, Tongues of Fire for the week of Pentecost, Harvest for Thanksgiving week, and Green Pastures the rest of the year. Easter is worked out for each year.
 - **On dates I choose:** for each set of dates, choose **From** and **To** (a month and a day) and a **Theme**. The dates repeat every year, and may run across New Year. **Add dates** adds another set; **Remove** takes one away.
 - A box at the end says plainly what shows **Today** and what comes **Next**, for example *Today: Green Pastures (Ordinary Time). Next: Harvest from Monday, November 23*. On days your dates do not cover, your usual theme shows.



Day and night

Through the year: the church year

Or on dates you choose

Day and night; Through the year following the church year; and on dates you choose

A Story's own theme

A Story can have a theme of its own, for example Bethlehem Star for a Christmas memory. Since version 0.9.15 the **Theme** choice sits right where you write, just below the **Subtitle**, so you never have to scroll past the photo to find it.

While you write a new Story

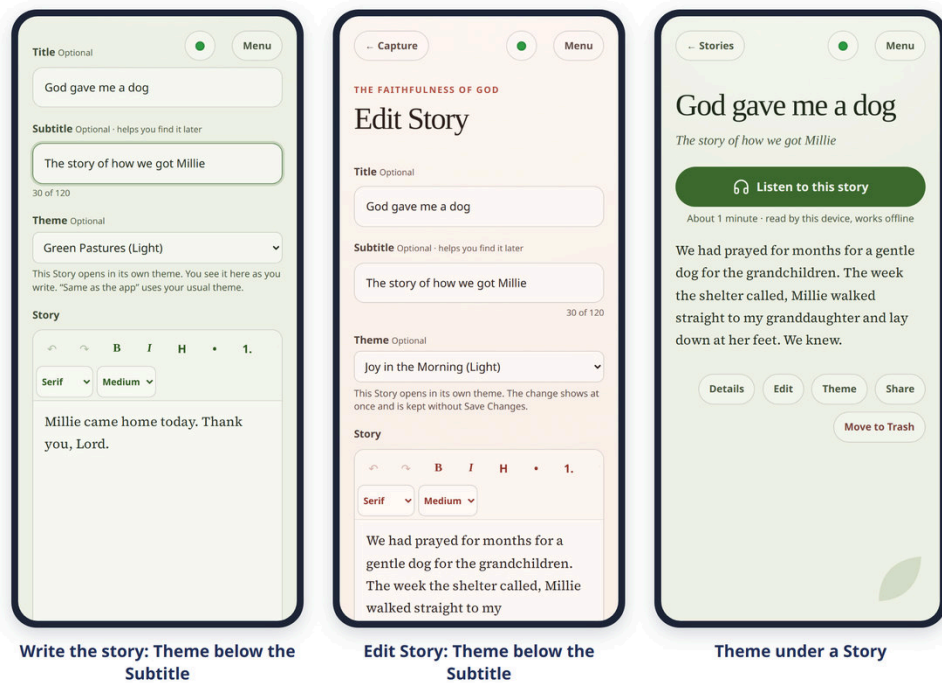
- 1 On **Write the story**, look just below the **Subtitle** for **Theme**.
- 2 Choose any theme, or leave it on **Same as the app** to use your usual theme. The page changes to that theme at once, so you see it as you write.
- 3 Tap **Save Story**. The Story keeps the theme you chose.

If you tap **Save Draft**, the theme waits with the draft on this phone, and it is still chosen when you open the draft again. If you tap **Cancel** and then **Yes** to discard, the theme is dropped with the writing. Until you tap **Save Story**, the choice is kept only on the phone you are writing on; once the Story is saved, its theme is saved with your account like any other Story's theme.

For a Story you have already written

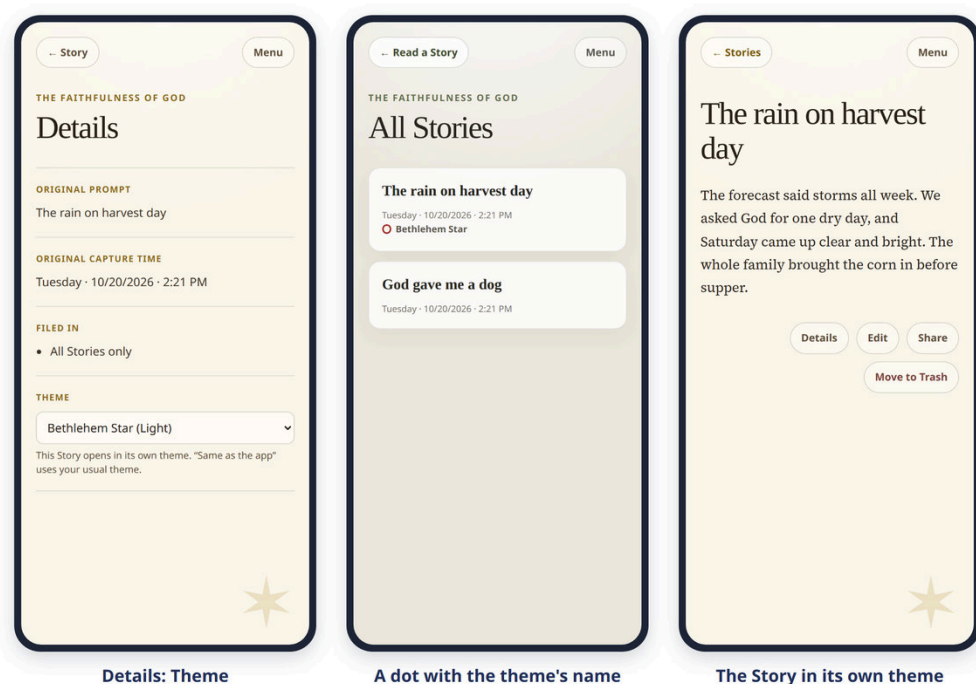
- 1 Open the Story. Under it, tap **Theme** (beside **Edit**). **Details** opens with the Theme choice ready.
- 2 Choose any theme, or **Same as the app**.

You can also change it in **Edit** (just below the Subtitle) or in **Details**. The new theme shows at once and is kept straight away; you don't need to tap **Save Changes**.



Theme on Write the story, just below the Subtitle; Theme on Edit Story; and the Theme button under a Story

While that Story is open (reading it, its Details, or editing it), its theme shows. When you leave the Story, the app's theme comes back. In your lists, the Story shows a small dot in its theme's colours with the theme's name.



Details with the Story's Theme, the small dot with the theme's name in All Stories, and the Story in its own theme

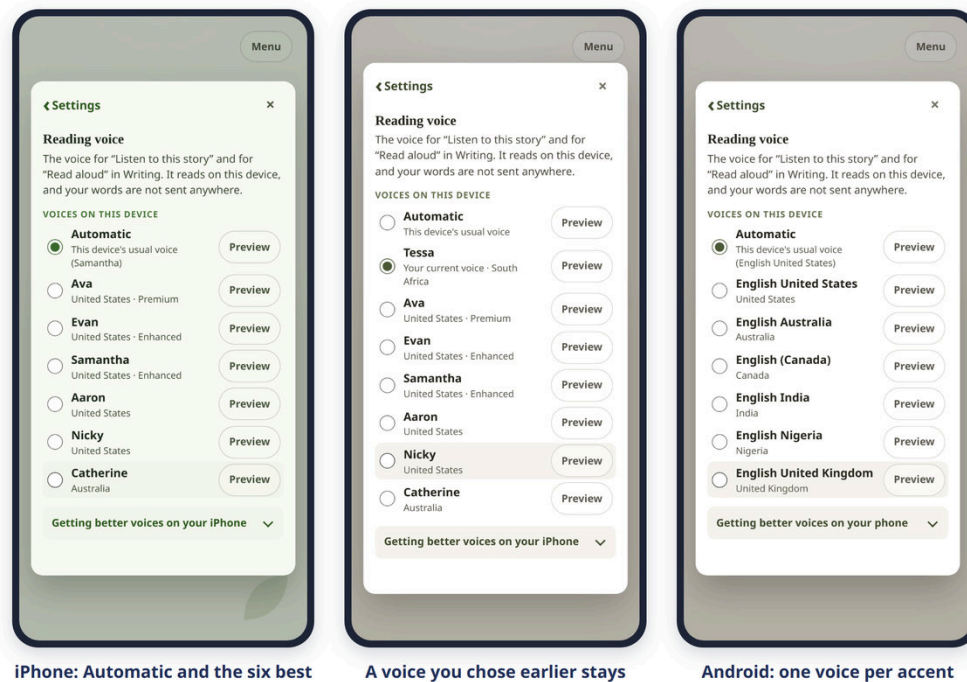
Your themes follow you

- **On this device first.** Your themes and choices are kept on the device, so the app opens in the right colours straight away, with no white flash.
- **With your account.** When you are signed in, your themes, Day and night, Through the year, the corner symbol and each Story's theme are saved with your account and follow you to your other devices. If two devices change something at the same moment, both changes are kept where they can be; a theme you deleted stays deleted. Themes you made before signing in are added to your account when you sign in.
- **In your backup.** **Back Up My Stories** includes your themes in the restore file.
- **Deleted with your account.** If your account is deleted, your themes are deleted with it. The policy says so.
- The administrators never see your themes or which theme you chose.
- Nothing pops up to ask you anything.

Reading voice

Reading voice sets the voice for **Listen to this story** and for **Read aloud** in Writing. Since version 0.9.12 it shows a short list: **Automatic**, then **the six best voices on your device** for your language.

- 1 Open **Menu**, tap **Settings**, then **Reading voice**.
- 2 Tap **Preview** beside a voice to hear a short sentence read by it.
- 3 Tap the voice you like. A line underneath confirms it, for example *Ava reads aloud from now on*.
- 4 Tap **< Settings** to go back, or **×** to close. The next time you tap **Listen to this story** or **Read aloud**, that voice reads.



iPhone: Automatic and the six best

A voice you chose earlier stays

Android: one voice per accent

Reading voice on an iPhone (Automatic and the six best), a voice chosen earlier kept as Your current voice, and on an Android phone

- **Automatic** is the first choice and is chosen to begin with. It uses this device's usual voice and shows its name in brackets. It never picks one of the novelty voices (see below) while there is another voice.
- **The six best.** The better voices come first: on an iPhone or iPad, those marked **Premium** or **Enhanced**, then natural-sounding voices, then good standard ones such as Samantha, Daniel or Karen. Voices with your own accent come before other accents, and there is room for both men's and women's voices where the names say which. Each voice shows its accent, such as *United States* or *Australia*.
- **No novelty voices.** Joke and robotic voices that come with some devices (for example *Albert*, *Bad News*, *Bubbles*, *Whisper* or *Zarvox*, and the voices named *Grandma* and *Grandpa*) are never offered.
- **Your current voice stays.** If you chose a voice before 0.9.12 that is not among the six, it stays in the list, chosen, marked **Your current voice**. You can keep it or choose another.

- **On an Android phone**, the list shows one voice for each language and accent, such as *English United States* or *English United Kingdom*. Whether you hear a man or a woman is the voice you picked in the phone's own Text-to-speech settings.
- **Only voices that work on your device are listed.** Voices that need the internet are not offered. The words of your Story are read on your device, never sent to another company to be read aloud, and it works without the internet.
- **Your choice is kept on this device.** Each phone, tablet or computer has its own choice, because each has its own voices. If the voice you chose is ever removed from the device, the app quietly goes back to **Automatic**.

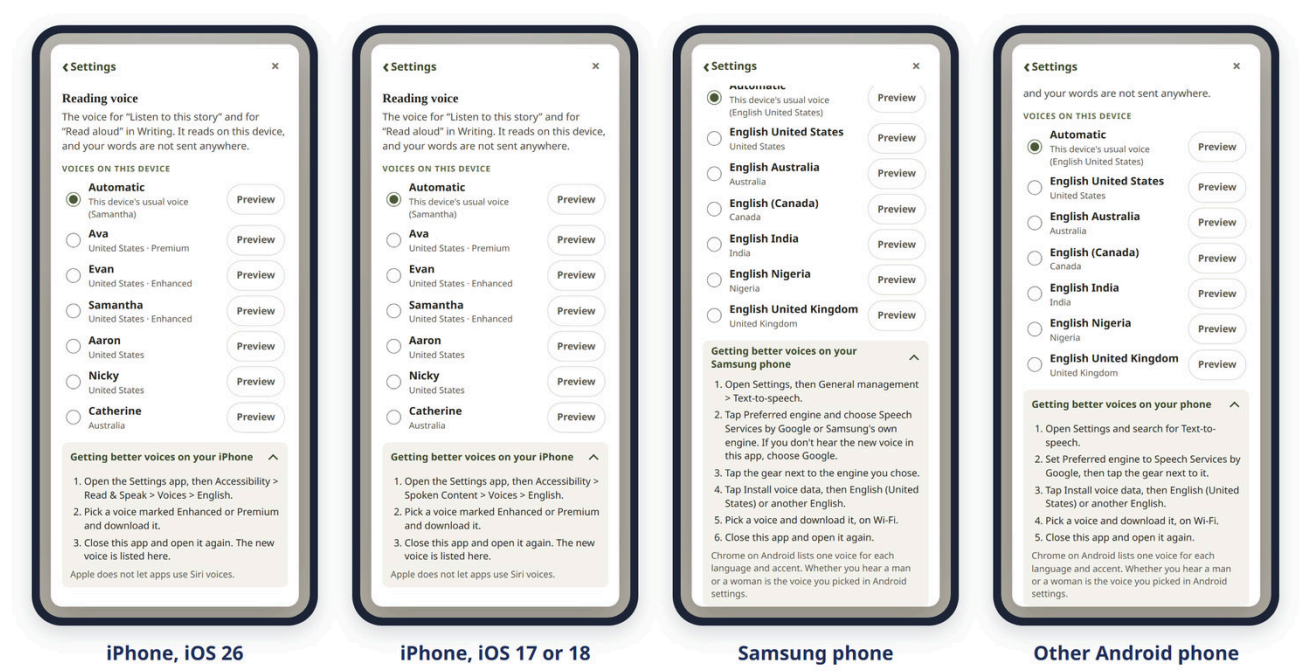
Getting better voices

Below the list, **Getting better voices** shows short steps for **your own device**. Tap it to open or close the steps. If your device has no reading voice yet, the steps open by themselves. The app tells which device it is on, and shows only the steps that fit:

Device	What to do
iPhone or iPad with iOS 26 or later	Open the Settings app, then Accessibility > Read & Speak > Voices > English . Pick a voice marked Enhanced or Premium and download it. Close this app and open it again: the new voice is listed.
iPhone or iPad with iOS 17 or 18	The same, but the menu is called Spoken Content: Accessibility > Spoken Content > Voices > English . When the app cannot tell the version, it names both.
Samsung phone	Open Settings , then General management > Text-to-speech . Tap Preferred engine and choose one of the two engines offered (the app's steps name them). Tap the gear next to it, then Install voice data , then an English voice. Download it on Wi-Fi, then close this app and open it again.
Other Android phones	Open Settings and search for Text-to-speech . Set Preferred engine as the steps say, then tap the gear next to it. Tap Install voice data , then English (United States) or another English. Download it on Wi-Fi, then close this app and open it again.

Device	What to do
A Mac	Open System Settings > Accessibility > Spoken Content (called Read & Speak on the newest macOS) > System voice > Manage Voices , and download an English voice. Close this app and open it again.
A Windows computer	Open Settings > Time & language > Speech > Manage voices > Add voices , and add an English voice. Close this app and open it again.
Another computer	A short note says that a computer uses the voices in its own system settings.

Siri voices cannot be used by apps. A new voice you download joins the list if it is among the six best.



Getting better voices: iPhone with iOS 26 (Read & Speak), iPhone with iOS 17 or 18 (Spoken Content), a Samsung phone, and another Android phone

Syncing and the status badge

Everything is kept, on your device and in your account

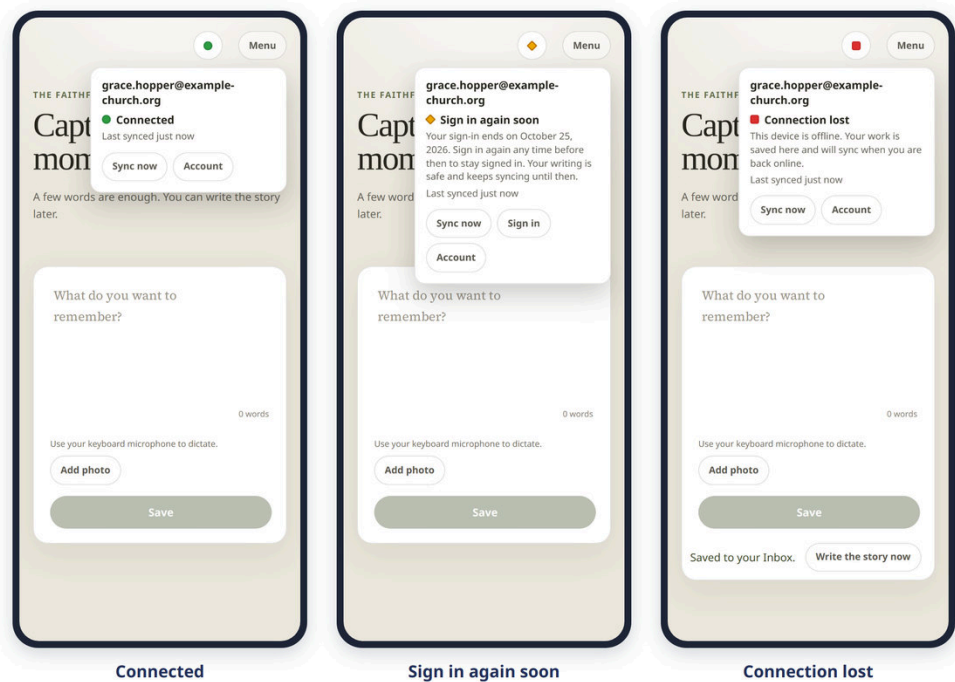
When you are signed in, everything you write is saved on your device first, so you never wait for the internet. A copy then goes to your account, so it appears on your other devices and is safe if you lose your phone. That includes your Captures, Stories and photos, Story drafts, writing you have started but not saved yet, your File Cabinets and what is filed in them, your Trash, your writing settings, and your themes and theme choices. A copy stays in your account until **you** delete it.

The app checks for changes from your other devices when it opens, when you come back to it, when the device comes back online, and every 30 seconds while it is on screen. Only what changed is downloaded.

The status badge

Next to **Menu** is a small badge. Its symbol has a different shape and colour for each state, so you can tell them apart even if you can't see colour. On a wider screen it also shows a word or two. Tap it to see your email address, what is happening, when your writing last synced, and the buttons **Sync now** and **Account**.

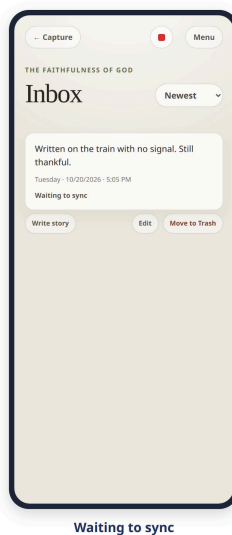
Badge	Meaning
Green dot: Connected	Your writing is syncing normally.
Amber ring: Connecting...	The app is checking the connection.
Amber diamond: Some changes not synced / Waiting to sync	Some writing is saved on this device but hasn't reached your account yet. It is safe, and the app keeps trying.
Amber diamond: Sign in again soon	Your sign-in ends within 7 days (see below).
Red square: Connection lost	The device is offline, or the server can't be reached. Your work is saved here and syncs when you are back. Tap the badge for the details, which say how to reconnect on your device (for example, on an iPhone: <i>open the Settings app on your iPhone and check that Wi-Fi or Cellular is on</i>).
Red square: Sign in again	Your sign-in has ended. Tap the badge to sign in.
Grey ring: Sign in to save	You don't have an account on this device yet. Tap it to sign in or create one.



The badge's details when connected, when the sign-in ends soon, and when offline

Waiting to sync

A small **Waiting to sync** tag appears on any moment, draft or Story whose copy hasn't reached your account yet, for example while you are offline. It disappears by itself once the copy arrives. If something has waited more than 2 minutes, the badge turns amber.



A moment saved while offline, marked Waiting to sync

The app **never gives up**. If something can't be sent, it tries again: after 1 minute, then waiting longer each time, up to every 6 hours. Your words are never thrown away. Two rare tags tell you if

you need to do something:

- **Too long to sync - shorten it:** the writing is longer than the server accepts. It is kept on your device; shorten it and it will sync.
- **Photo can't be read on this browser — open the app in Safari to send it:** this browser can't read that photo file. Open the app in Safari on the same device to send it.

If a photo is slow to arrive on another device, the words come first and the photo fills in by itself.

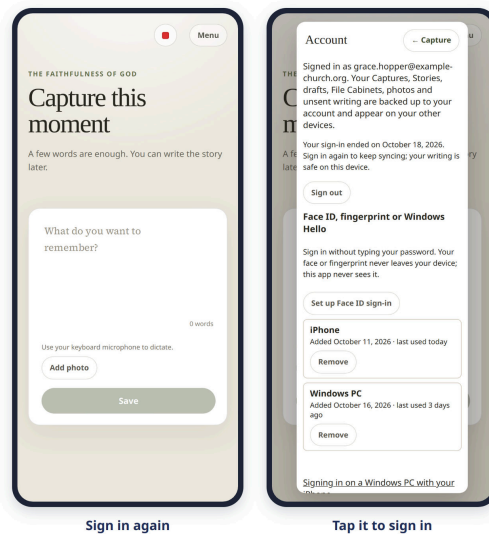
More than one account on this phone? If another account was used on this device and some of its writing has **not been sent yet**, the Account screen says so and how to send it, for example: *Some writing from (their email) has not been sent yet. To send it: tap Sign out below, then sign in as (their email) on this iPhone. It is sent within a minute. Then sign out and sign back in to your own account.* (On a computer it says *click* and *on this computer*; when nobody is signed in, it only asks you to sign in as that account.) Their writing is kept on the device until it is sent. Since 0.10.2 this appears only when that account really has unsent writing; before, it could appear for any account ever used on the device.

Staying signed in, and passkeys

A sign-in lasts up to 90 days

You don't need to sign in every time. A sign-in lasts up to **90 days**. The Account screen shows **Signed in until** a date.

- In the **last 7 days**, the badge turns amber and says **Sign in again soon**. Sign in again any time before the date to start a fresh 90 days.
- After the date, the badge turns red and says **Sign in again**. Tap it to sign in.
- There is never a pop-up about this. You can keep writing the whole time: your words are saved on your device and sync as soon as you have signed in again.



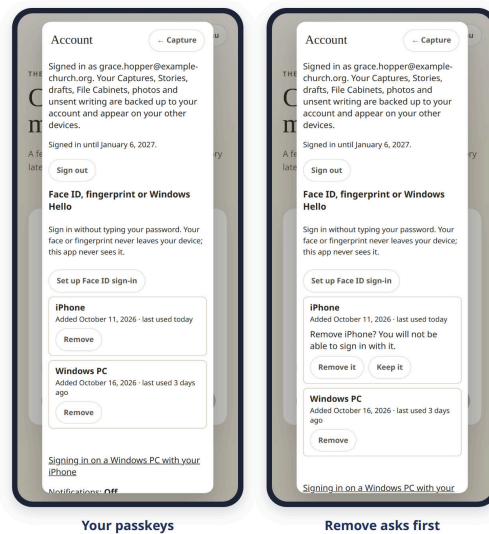
When the sign-in has ended: the red badge, and the sign-in it opens

Face ID, fingerprint or Windows Hello (passkeys)

A **passkey** lets you sign in without typing your password: you just look at your phone, touch the fingerprint sensor, or use Windows Hello. It is optional. Your face or fingerprint never leaves your device, and the app never sees it.

- 1 Sign in with your password as usual.
- 2 Open **Menu**, then **Account**. Under **Face ID, fingerprint or Windows Hello**, tap the button for your device: **Set up Face ID sign-in** (iPhone and iPad), **Set up fingerprint or screen lock sign-in** (Android), **Set up Windows Hello sign-in** (Windows) or **Set up Touch ID sign-in** (Mac).
- 3 Follow your device's own prompt. The app says *Done. You can now sign in with this device.*
- 4 Next time, on the sign-in screen, tap **Sign in with passkey**.

Your passkeys are listed under the button, with the device's name, when it was added and when it was last used. **Remove** asks *You will not be able to sign in with it* and offers **Remove it** or **Keep it**.



Your passkeys in Account, and Remove asking first

Not seeing the passkey section? It appears only when passkeys are switched on for the app and your browser supports them. If the administrators ever ask an account to use a passkey, you would see this in the app first.

Signing in on a Windows PC with your iPhone

The sign-in screen and the Account screen have a link, **Signing in on a Windows PC with your iPhone**. It opens a short guide with two ways:

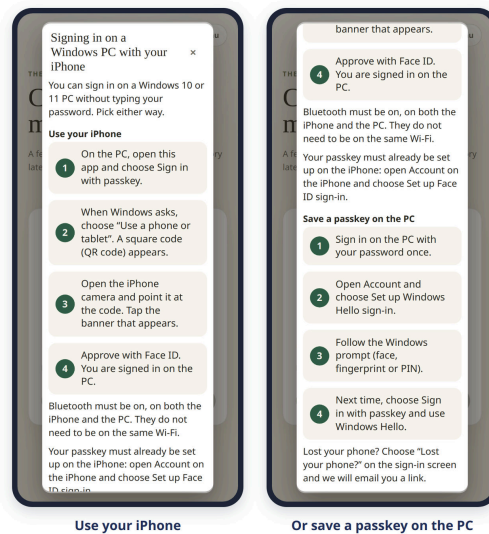
Use your iPhone

- 1 On the PC, open the app and choose **Sign in with passkey**.
- 2 When Windows asks, choose **Use a phone or tablet**. A square code (QR code) appears.
- 3 Open the iPhone camera and point it at the code. Tap the banner that appears.
- 4 Approve with Face ID. You are signed in on the PC.

Bluetooth must be on, on both the iPhone and the PC; they don't need to be on the same Wi-Fi. Your passkey must already be set up on the iPhone (Account, then **Set up Face ID sign-in**).

Save a passkey on the PC

- 1 Sign in on the PC with your password once.
- 2 Open Account and choose **Set up Windows Hello sign-in**.
- 3 Follow the Windows prompt (face, fingerprint or PIN).
- 4 Next time, choose **Sign in with passkey** and use Windows Hello.



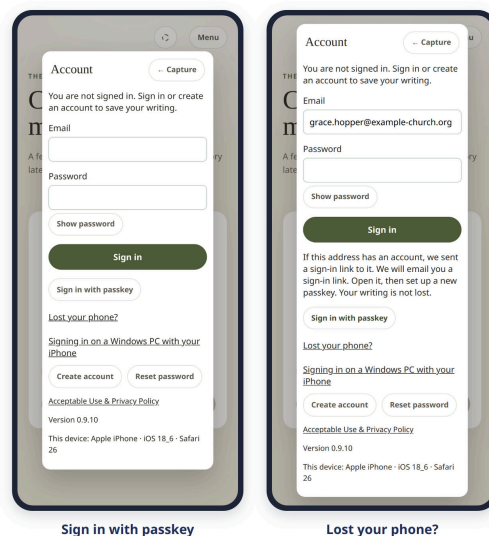
The guide: use your iPhone, or save a passkey on the PC

Lost your phone?

If the phone that holds your passkey is lost, your writing is not lost: it is in your account.

- 1 On the sign-in screen, type your email address and tap **Lost your phone?**
- 2 The app emails you a sign-in link. Open it on the device you are using.
- 3 You are signed in, and the app asks you to *set up a new passkey for this device now*.

You can also always sign in with your password, or use **Reset password**.

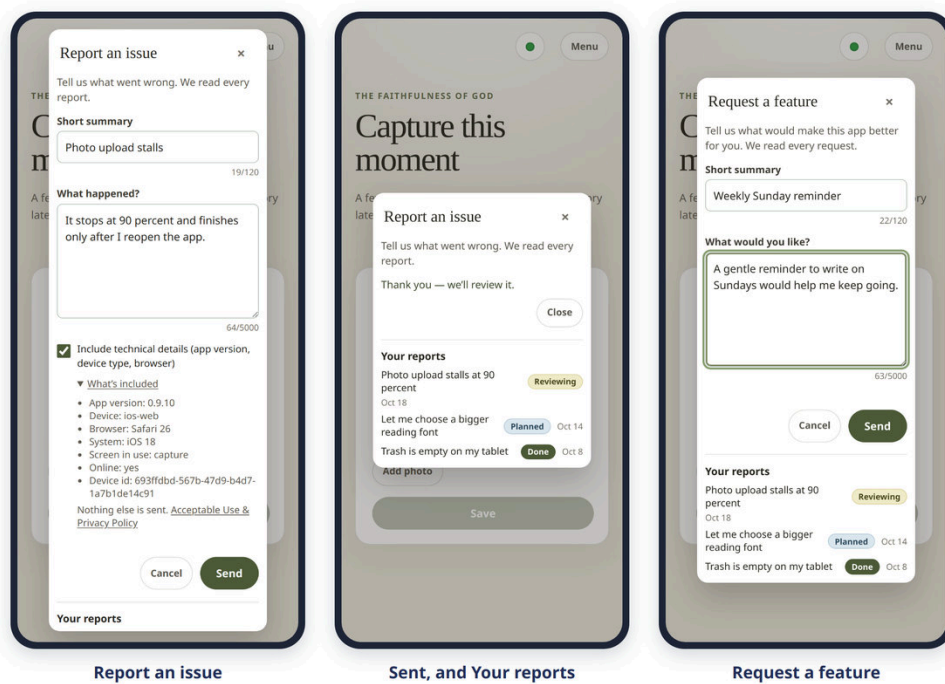


Sign in with passkey, and Lost your phone?

Report an issue or request a feature

Something not working, or an idea that would help? Tell the team from inside the app.

- 1 Open **Menu**, then **Report an issue** or **Request a feature**.
- 2 Write a **Short summary** and then the details (*What happened?* or *What would you like?*).
- 3 For an issue, **Include technical details** is ticked; untick it if you prefer. **What's included** shows exactly what is sent: the app version, device type, browser, system, the screen you were on, whether you were online, and a device identifier. Nothing else is sent: no Stories, Captures, photos or location.
- 4 Tap **Send**. You see *Thank you — we'll review it*.



Report an issue, the thank-you with Your reports, and Request a feature

- **Saved on your device first.** If you are offline, the app says *Saved on this device. We'll send it as soon as you're back online.* Reports are never dropped.
- **Your reports** lists what you have sent, each with a status: **New**, **Reviewing**, **Planned**, **Done** or **Declined**. When an item is done, the team may also send you a short message to say so (see *Messages from the team*).
- **Without an account**, the app asks you to sign in to send, so the team can follow up. What you typed stays while you do.

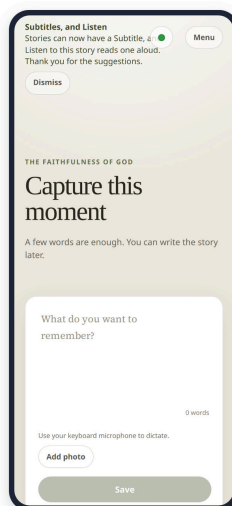
Who reads it. The app's administrators read the words you write in a report. It is the one place they see words you wrote, because you wrote them for them. They never see your Stories, Captures or photos.

Messages from the team

Now and then the team posts a short message, for example about a new version. It appears at the top of the screen and hides itself after about 10 seconds (or tap **Dismiss**).

- **Each message is shown to you once.** After it has appeared, it isn't shown again: not on this phone, not on your other devices, and not if you reinstall the app. There is no list of past messages to reopen.
- **It never interrupts your writing.** The app doesn't even look for messages while you are in the middle of writing. It checks again later, so none is missed.
- **When you join,** you only get messages sent after that day, never older ones.
- **When something you reported is fixed,** the team can tell you. You get a short message such as *Fixed: Photo upload stalls* (for a problem) or *Added: Weekly Sunday reminder* (for an idea), and the status in **Your reports** shows **Done**.

If you turn on **Notifications** in Account, messages can also arrive as phone notifications. On iPhone and iPad this works only after you add the app to your Home Screen and open it from there.



A message from the team

A message from the team at the top of the screen

Updates

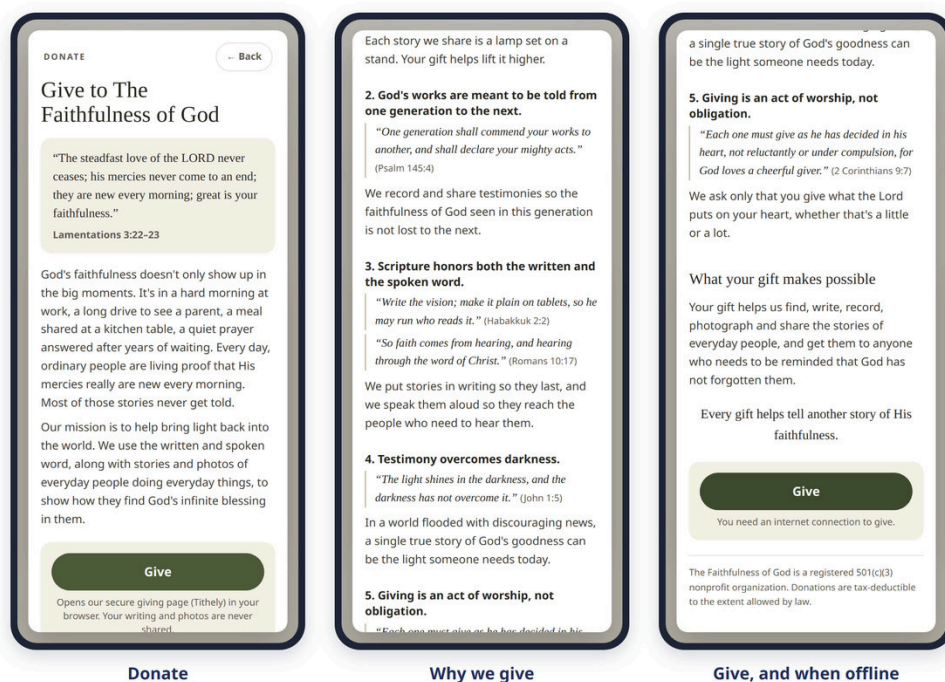
The app updates itself. When a new version is ready, it is put in place at a safe moment: when you open the app, come back to it or leave it, and **only when nothing is being written** (no words or photo in the Capture box, no Story or edit with unsaved changes, no upload in progress). The app then reloads once and opens on Capture, with everything you saved still there. There is no banner and nothing to tap.

If an update has been waiting for more than a day because you always have writing open, the Account screen says *An update will install next time nothing is being written*. The version you are using is shown in Account.

Donate

Menu, then **Donate**, opens **Give to The Faithfulness of God**: Lamentations 3:22–23, our mission, five reasons for giving from Scripture, what a gift makes possible, and a note that The Faithfulness of God is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

- The **Give** buttons (one near the top, one at the end) open our secure giving page in your browser.
- Your gift and payment details are handled by that giving page, under its own privacy policy. The app sends nothing to it: not your account, your writing or your photos.
- The screen reads fine offline. Without a connection, **Give** says *You need an internet connection to give*.
- Donate opens only when you tap it. The app never asks you for a donation anywhere else.



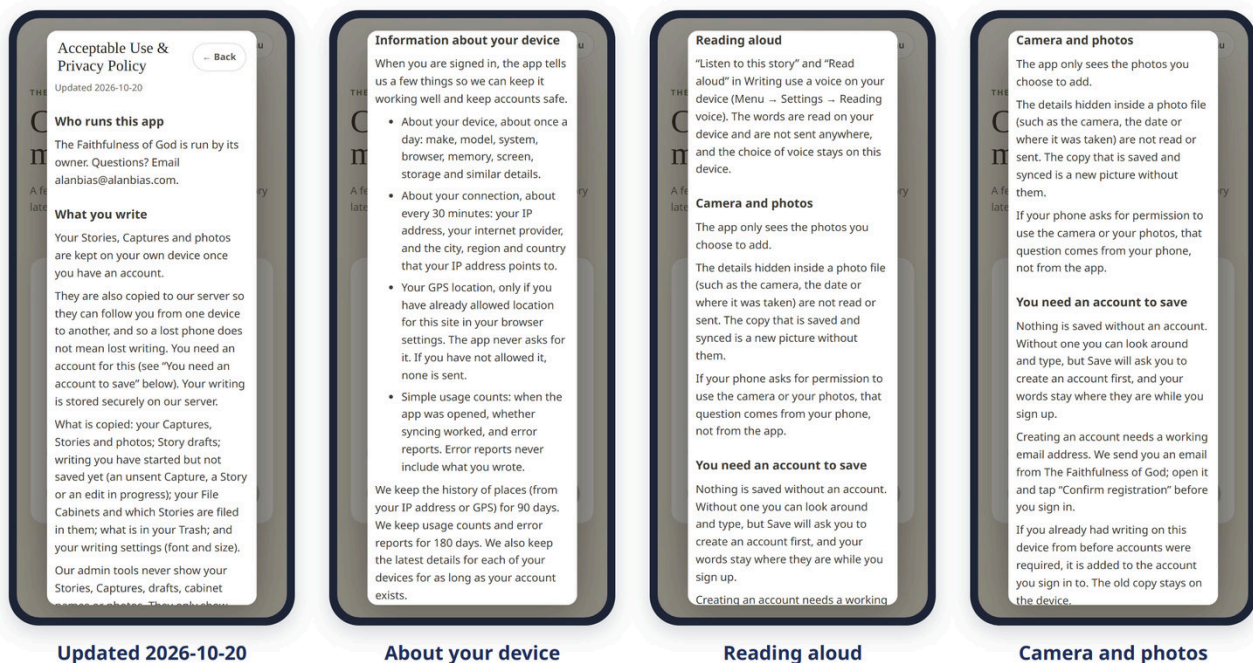
Donate: the opening, the reasons for giving, and the Give button at the end

Your privacy

Menu, then **Acceptable Use & Privacy Policy** (also linked from Account), explains in plain words what is stored, what is sent and what is not. It was approved by the owner and was last updated on **21 October 2026**, when the section *Sharing your Stories* was added (see the chapter of that name). It says simply that your writing is stored securely on our server, without naming the companies behind the server or the proofreader, and (since 0.9.11) that your themes and theme choices are saved with your account and deleted with it. Nobody is asked to accept it again. It works offline. In short:

- **Your writing** is kept on your device and stored securely on our server, in your account, so it can follow you between devices. It is private unless you choose to share a Story. The administrators' tools never show your private Stories, Captures, drafts, cabinet names or photos: only counts, sizes and times.
- **Sharing:** only Stories you submit are seen by others. Reviewers read them without your name; chosen Stories are shown to everyone signed in, with your name or as *Anonymous*, as you chose. The administrators can see who submitted a Story and who wrote each review, only to take out anything unkind. See *Sharing your Stories*.
- **Reading aloud** (*Listen to this story* and *Read aloud*) uses a voice on your device. The words are read on your device and not sent anywhere, and your choice of voice stays on this device.

- **Spelling and grammar** are checked on your device. Only **Polish**, when you tap it, sends one paragraph to an AI proofreader the app uses, and it is not stored.
- **Themes:** your themes and theme choices are saved with your account, so they follow you to your other devices, and they are deleted with your account. The **reading voice** stays on this device.
- **Your device** reports a few technical details when you are signed in (such as make, model, system and browser, and the town or city your internet connection points to), so the team can keep the app working and accounts safe. Error reports never include what you wrote.
- **Location:** the app never asks for your location. A GPS reading is sent only if you had already allowed location for this site in your browser's settings.
- **Photos:** the app only sees the photos you choose to add. It does **not** read or send the hidden details inside a photo file (such as the camera, the date or where it was taken); the copy it saves is a new picture without them. Any such details an older version kept on your device are deleted when the app opens, and everything stored on the server was deleted too.
- **Place history** (from your internet connection, or GPS if you allowed it) is kept for 90 days.
- **Passkeys:** your face or fingerprint is checked by your device and never leaves it.
- **Your choices:** you can delete your Stories and sign out at any time. Deleting a Story also removes every copy of it you shared. To have your account and everything stored for it deleted, email the address given in the policy.



The policy: the top (updated 2026-10-20), information about your device, Reading aloud, and camera and photos

Acceptable use. Please use the app for your own personal writing, and be respectful: nothing illegal, abusive or hateful; no attempts to break or overload the service; and no attempts to get into

anyone else's account.

Quick answers

Question	Answer
Do I need an account?	Yes, to save. You can look around and type without one, and your words wait in the box while you sign up.
I didn't get the confirmation email.	It comes from <i>The Faithfulness of God</i> (info@faithfulnessofgod.com). Look in Junk or Spam, then tap Resend email (once a minute).
Do I need the internet?	No. Everything you write is saved on your device and syncs when you're back online.
What does "Waiting to sync" mean?	That item hasn't reached your account yet. It is safe, and the tag goes away by itself.
The badge says "Sign in again soon".	Your 90-day sign-in ends within a week. Sign in again any time to start a fresh 90 days.
The badge is red and says "Sign in again".	Tap it and sign in. Your writing is safe meanwhile.
Can I sign in without my password?	Yes, with a passkey: Account , then Set up Face ID sign-in (or fingerprint, or Windows Hello).
I lost my phone.	On the sign-in screen, type your email and tap Lost your phone? Your writing is in your account.
Can I lose words by editing on two devices?	No. Both versions are kept and you choose which one stays current.
I deleted something by mistake.	Look in Trash and tap Restore .
How do I keep my own copy?	Back Up My Stories downloads a ZIP. Keep it somewhere safe.
Who can read my Stories?	Only you, unless you submit one to the weekly group. Then the group reads it without your name, and if it is chosen everyone can read it in This Week's Stories , with your name or as <i>Anonymous</i> .

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I don't want to review other people's Stories.	Menu, Settings, Group publishing: switch off Take part in voting on Stories . You can still share your own.
How do I get the newest version?	You don't need to do anything. The app updates itself when nothing is being written.
Can I see a message from the team again?	No. Each message is shown once, then it is gone.
What is a Subtitle?	An optional line under a Story's title, up to 120 characters, to help you tell Stories apart and find them.
Can the app read my Story to me?	Yes. Open the Story and tap Listen to this story . It uses a voice built into your device and works offline.
Can the app be dark at night?	Yes. Menu , then Settings , then Theme: Dark, Evening, or Automatic to follow your phone (the page shows how to make your phone go dark at sunset). Or use Day and night for one theme by day and another at night.
Can the theme follow the church year?	Yes. Menu , then Settings , then Through the year , then Follow the church year .
How do I get back from a Settings page?	Tap ◀ Settings at the top, or use your phone's own Back (swipe from the left edge on an iPhone, Back on Android).
I tapped the link in the email. Now what?	Account says Your email is confirmed. You're signed in . If the link opened in your phone's browser, open the app from your Home Screen and sign in there.
The link in the email didn't work.	Account says why and what to do next. A reset link: tap Send reset email for a new one. A confirmation link: just sign in. If the connection dropped, open the link again. See <i>If a link in an email doesn't work</i> .
I forgot my password.	Menu, Account, Reset password: type your email and tap Send reset email , then tap Choose a new password in the email.

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Can I choose a different voice?	Yes. Menu , then Settings , then Reading voice . It shows Automatic and the six best voices on your device. Tap Preview to hear each one first.
Where did the other voices go?	Since 0.9.12 only the six best are listed, and joke voices are left out. A voice you chose earlier stays, marked Your current voice .
I would like a better-sounding voice.	Menu , then Settings , then Reading voice , then <i>Getting better voices</i> . It shows the steps for your own device: iPhone or iPad (iOS 26 or earlier), Samsung, another Android phone, a Mac or a Windows computer.
Account says notifications are blocked.	Follow the numbered steps under <i>To turn notifications on again</i> :. They are for your own device and browser. Then press Turn on . See <i>If notifications are blocked</i> .
Account says some writing from another email has not been sent yet.	Sign out, sign in as that account on this device, wait a minute while it is sent, then sign back in to your own account.
Does the app read the details inside my photos?	No. The camera, date and place stored inside a photo file are not read or sent.
Where did Add to Home Screen go?	Once the app is installed on your device, it leaves the Menu: there is nothing more to do.
Why is there no formatting in the Capture box?	It is plain text to keep it quick. Formatting is in Edit this moment and when you write or edit a Story.
Is my writing sent anywhere to be spell-checked?	No. Only Polish , when you tap it, sends one paragraph, and it isn't stored.
Can the administrators read my Stories?	No. They see counts, sizes and times only. They read only what you send in a report.
Does the app ask for my location?	No, never.
How do I tell a friend about the app?	Menu , then Share the app .